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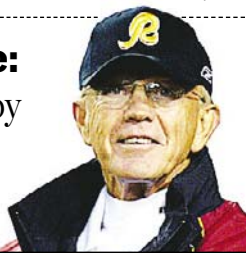


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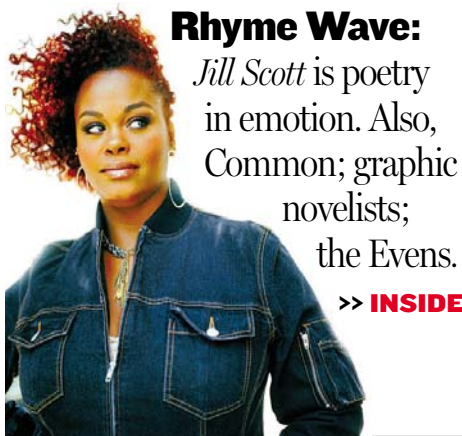
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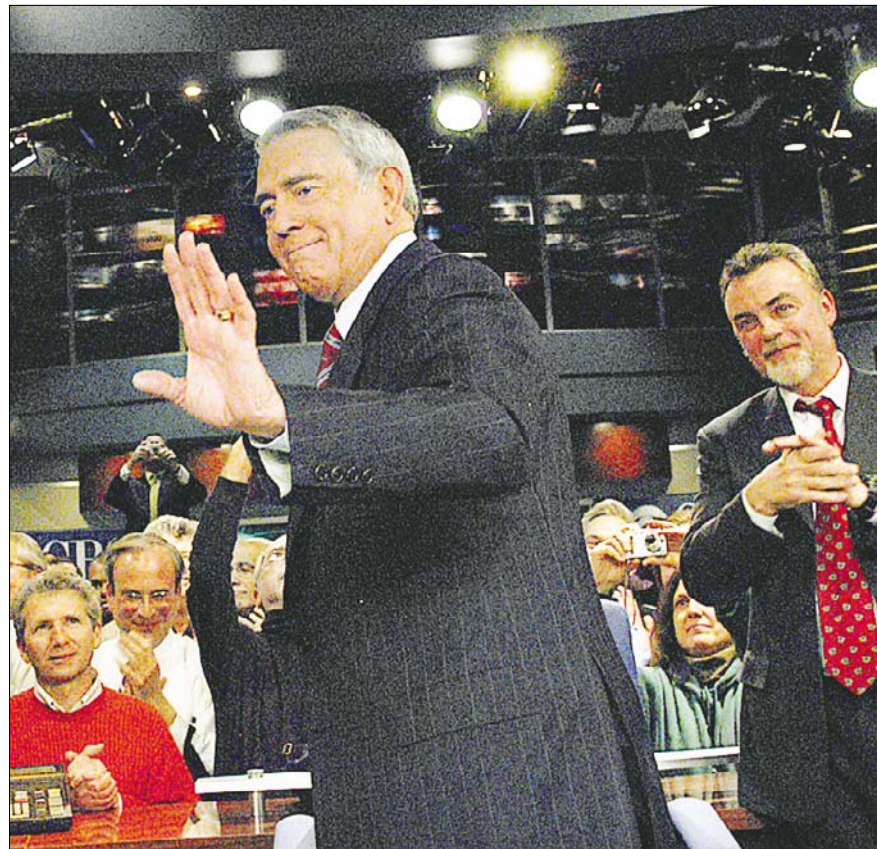
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'COURAGE': Dan Rather, the enigmatic newsman who anchored the CBS Evening News for the past 24 years, acknowledges applause at the network's New York studios on Wednesday after his final broadcast. Rather began anchoring on March 9, 1981. ♦ **Up next:** Schieffer to anchor for now | **Page 3**

Steroids Panel Plays Hardball

NEW YORK | Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi, Mark McGwire and four other current major league players were subpoenaed Wednesday to testify before a congressional committee investigating steroids policy, a move baseball's leadership vowed to fight all the way to court.

Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas also were subpoenaed to appear at the March 17 hearing of the House Government Reform Committee along with players' association head Donald

Fehr and three other MLB executives.

Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioner's office, called the subpoenas "an absolutely excessive and unprecedented misuse of congressional power." He said the committee is interfering with a federal grand jury investigation in California into illegal distribution by subpoenaing Giambi, a grand jury witness who might have to testify at a trial.

"Not even the Iran-Contra committee attempted to do that," Brand said. (AP)

Jackson Accuser Testifies

15-year-old cancer survivor faces star he once idolized

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. | Michael Jackson's accuser took the stand Wednesday, saying he once considered the pop star now charged with molesting him "the coolest guy in the world."

The 15-year-old was not asked about the molestation allegations before court ended, but described viewing adult Internet sites with Jackson and said the singer told him to "call me daddy" during the taping of a documentary.

The young cancer survivor gave the same account his brother had of looking at explicit sites on their second night at Neverland after their parents gave them permission to sleep in Jackson's room.

The boy said one of Jackson's employees, Frank Tyson, began looking at sites on the Internet as the others watched.

The witness said they looked at women or teenage girls for a period of 15 to 30 minutes, and he repeated an account his brother had given about a remark Jackson allegedly made. "There was this girl with her shirt up and it was all quiet and stuff and Michael's like, 'Got milk?'" he said.

Earlier Wednesday, the accuser's brother, under cross-examination, admitted discrepancies between his testimony and his other accounts of allegedly seeing Jackson molest his brother.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting the boy, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive to get them to rebut a damaging TV documentary. Jackson's defense contends the family has a history of filing false claims to get money. LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

THEFT | Better Safe Than Sorry Thieves broke into a Fostoria, Ohio, agency that serves the poor on Feb. 28 and made off with a safe. The only catch — it was empty. "It was very heavy, and they did us a favor by taking it," said Susan Simpkins, director of the



Fostoria Bureau of Concern. She said the agency wanted to toss out the safe but it was too big to move. The thieves entered through a back door after the agency closed for the day, taking the safe and a small amount of cash, police said. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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BOMBS

Egg Sandwich and a Side of Live Ammo

A Miami cafeteria worker discovered a live grenade Tuesday on a counter where people typically order coffee and doughnuts. The Opportunity Cafeteria had just opened at around 6:30 a.m.



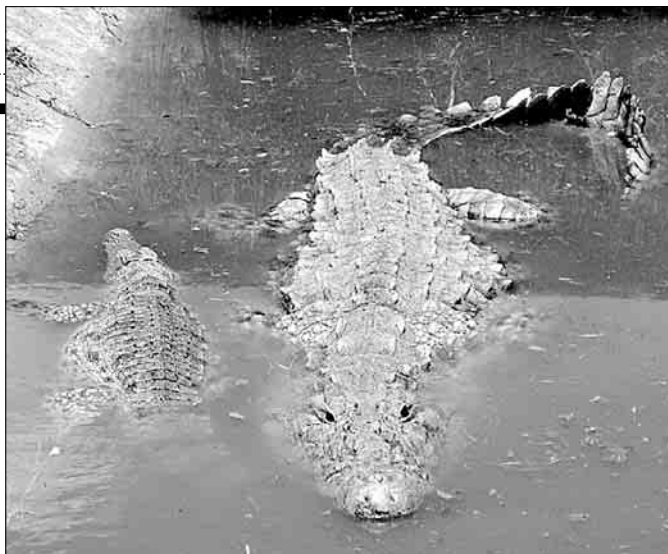
when the worker found the grenade on one corner of the counter. Police officers were summoned and determined that the grenade was active, with its pin still in place. The department's bomb squad took the grenade to a secure location and detonated it. Officials are investigating. (AP)

LOVE

Hunk o' Freezin' Love

A Los Angeles man who sneaked across the Canadian border last month to visit a Quebec woman he met on the Internet will be deported — minus all his fingers and five of his toes, the Winnipeg Sun reported. Charles Gonsoulin, 41, suffered severe frostbite after crossing into to Emerson, Manitoba, from North Dakota. He became lost and was found about

100 hours later, on Feb. 23, wandering on a golf course and suffering from hypothermia, Canadian newspapers reported. A robbery conviction barred him from entering Canada and his lady love — whom he still hasn't met face-to-face — couldn't afford a trip to Los Angeles. Despite the upcoming amputation of his damaged digits, Gonsoulin said he made the trek for love and doesn't regret it: "It is better to have loved and to have lost than never to have loved at all." (EXPRESS)



DANIEL WALLIS/REUTERS

MAN-EATERS

What a Croc

Could Hollywood finally have its star for "Lake Placid 2?" This crocodile, said to be more than 60 years old and to have killed 83 people, checked out his new digs Wednesday at Uganda Crocs, a crocodile farm in Buwama, Uganda, Reuters reported. Residents believe the 16-foot crocodile has feasted on dozens of locals, mostly fishermen on Lake Victoria, over the past two decades, officials said on Tuesday. The giant beast, which weighs about a ton, was caught alive and transferred to the sanctuary, after wildlife experts spent three nights camping in the bush and tracking their target. (EXPRESS)

IMPOUNDMENT

Get in an Accident, They'll Have Your Ass

Pacho the donkey was a little long in the face after being impounded Sunday in Arauca, Colombia, and is braying for an early release. Police said Tuesday they detained the donkey after a motorcycle crashed into it on a road, with the motorcyclist suffering serious injuries. Vehicles are always impounded in accidents where serious injuries occur, police said. Both the donkey — which hurt two legs — and the motorcycle were sent to an impound yard to be at the disposal of investigators. Pacho's owner, Nelson Gonzalez, said he has been trekking to the site to feed his donkey. (AP)



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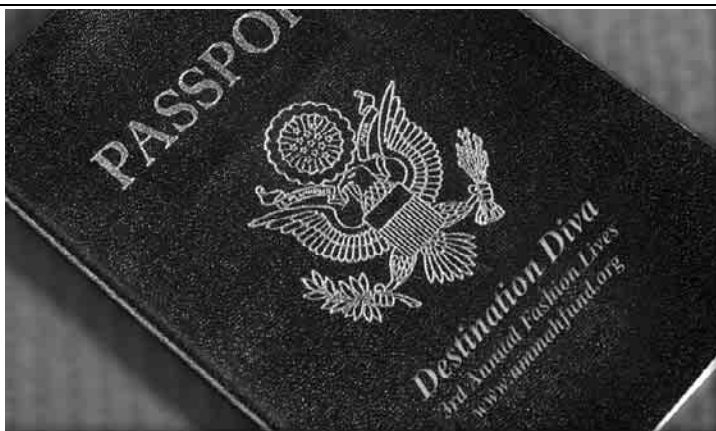
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SPEAK, SPEAK: Prosecutors in Bentonville, Ark., looking for witnesses in a murder case against Albert K. Smith subpoenaed Murphy Smith — the defendant's shih tzu. They realized the mistake Tuesday after Smith's brother brought the dog to court.



Nation

GAO Chief Urges Action on Reform

Walker refutes Social Security 'crisis,' calls for financing changes

WASHINGTON | Social Security "does not face an immediate crisis," the head of the Government Accountability Office said Wednesday, but it does face a long-term financing problem "and it would be prudent to address it sooner rather than later."

David M. Walker, who heads the

nonpartisan Office of Comptroller General, also criticized President Bush for undertaking an aggressive two-month tour to try to sell his plan for allowing younger workers to divert a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into private investment accounts. Walker suggested that Bush and members of Congress focus on improving financing for the program, which would not be significantly affected by establishment of personal accounts.

The testimony launched formal debate, before the House Ways and Means Committee, on Capitol Hill over Bush's plan to overhaul the federal retirement plan.

"I would have done it differently, I would have done it differently," Walker said, under questioning by Rep. Charles B. Rangel of New York, the top Democrat on the panel.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said in his opening remarks, "Clearly, the current program, because the American

population has changed, is not sustainable based on the old method of financing."

With polls showing that people are nervous about future financial shortfalls in the program, House Republicans intended to devote their first hearing to ideas on benefit cuts rather than Bush's less popular idea of private accounts. (AP)

On the Hill: House and Senate GOP unveil budget plans for coming fiscal year | *Today's Post, A Section*



Dan Rather anchors his last CBS news broadcast in New York on Wednesday.

Rather Bids Farewell as Anchorman

NEW YORK | Dan Rather echoed a word he once used every night to sign off the "CBS Evening News" — courage — in anchoring the program for the final time after 24 years on Wednesday.

In a brief statement at the end of the broadcast, Rather paid tribute to Sept. 11 terrorist victims, tsunami survivors, American military forces, the oppressed, those in failing health and fellow journalists in dangerous places. "And, to each of you," he said. "Courage."

Rather's career spanned from the Kennedy assassination to this winter's tsunami, but hit a low point last fall when he took the blame for a discredited "60 Minutes" story about President Bush's military service.

Bob Schieffer takes over Rather's broadcast starting Thursday. CBS expects to name a permanent anchor team in the coming months. (AP)

Clinton Hits Links Ahead of Surgery

Former president not worried as he heads to hospital for operation

HOBE SOUND, FLA. | A relaxed Bill Clinton hit the golf course Wednesday for a charity event for tsunami victims, joking about his game and saying he was not worried about his impending surgery on Thursday.

Clinton went golfing with former President George H.W. Bush a day before he was to check himself into the hospital for a low-risk operation to remove a buildup of fluid and scar tissue pressing on his left lung — a rare complication from his heart-bypass surgery six months ago.

The former president said he knew he needed the operation before he and Bush embarked on



RELAXED, READY: Clinton takes a swing at a charity golf event in Hobe Sound, Fla.

a tour of tsunami-ravaged countries and scheduled it around the trip and the golf event to raise money for tsunami victims.

Clinton underwent quadruple

bypass surgery Sept. 6 after suffering chest pains and shortness of breath. He blamed his blockage on a family history of heart disease and his penchant for junk food. JILL BARTON (AP)

Comic Strip Notes Thompson's Death

KANSAS CITY, MO. | "Doonesbury," with a longtime character modeled on "gonzo journalist" Hunter S. Thompson, took note of the writer's suicide with a comic strip this week that had the Thompson-like figure's head exploding.

In the installment that ran Tuesday, Uncle Duke, the Thompson-like character, is seen checking his e-mail. He reads that Thompson is dead, and his head explodes with a "Ka-Boom!" His head reappears in the next frame as he says, "That can't be right. Better Google it." That is followed by another "Ka-Boom!"

Newspapers have pulled "Doonesbury" strips in the past they deemed offensive. But the strip's distributor said Wednesday it had received only two complaints. (AP)

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The percentage of kids ages 8 to 18 who have Web access in their bedrooms, double the figure from 1999, a new Kaiser Family Foundation national poll found. Nearly one-third use the phone, IM, watch TV or listen to music "most of the time" while doing homework.

President Pitches Drilling in Arctic

With gas prices rising, Bush urges exploration for oil in wildlife refuge

COLUMBUS, OHIO | President Bush said Wednesday that high gasoline and oil prices are "legitimate concerns" for Americans and the answer is a long-range energy plan that includes drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge.

Bush gave his energy pitch in Ohio, where consumers have been battling high winter heating bills

and gasoline prices of more than \$2 a gallon. Even higher prices are expected in the summer season.

"Higher prices at the gas pump and rising home heating bills and the possibilities of blackouts are legitimate concerns for all Americans,"

Bush told supporters at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial.

Ohio was at the center of a massive power blackout nearly two years



Bush

ago, but proposals to increase grid reliability have been tangled up in the debate over wider energy legislation in Congress.

The president also renewed his call for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, ANWR, to oil exploration.

Developing the refuge's oil would help allay U.S. reliance on foreign oil. Dependence on foreign oil "creates a national security issue and an economic security issue," said Bush, urging lawmakers to include ANWR drilling in a broad energy bill. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **President Bush's top** environmental priority — giving power plants, factories and refineries more time to reduce their air pollution — suffered a major setback Wednesday as a Republican-controlled committee rejected it in the Senate. The Environment and Public Works Committee deadlocked on a 9-9 vote on Bush's "clear skies" bill. The tie vote came after weeks of fruitless negotiation to get a bare majority required to recommend the bill to the full Senate. (AP)



Arnold Squitieri, center, accused underboss of the Gambino crime family, is led away by agents in New York.

Alleged Mobsters Arrested After Undercover Sting

NEW YORK | The acting boss of the Gambino family and at least 30 other mob figures were arrested after an undercover FBI agent posing as a wiseguy infiltrated the Mafia with an act so convincing he was considered for membership, authorities said Wednesday.

Among those arrested was Arnold "Zeke" Squitieri, who allegedly took over as acting Gambino boss after Peter Gotti was convicted last year. Also facing racketeering charges is reputed underboss Anthony "The Genius" Megale.

Prosecutors said Squitieri, Megale and other defendants made millions of dollars through extortion, loansharking, illegal gambling and other crimes during the past decade. (AP)

NEW YORK | STAYING COOL



SNOW BLOWN: Despite wintry conditions, Mike Stoll dons shorts as he uses his snowblower in Cortland, N.Y., on Wednesday. The Northeast has been hit by a blast of winter weather, including cold temperatures and whipping winds.

Report Cites Racial Gap In Health Care Access

African-American men die at faster rate than whites, study says

WASHINGTON | Middle-age black men are dying at nearly twice the rate of white men of a similar age, reflecting lower incomes and poorer access to health care, a study says. But mortality among black infants is dropping.

While overall longevity for both black and whites has improved over the past 40 years, the gap between the races has narrowed little, former Surgeon General David Satcher said in a paper published Wednesday in the journal *Health Affairs*.

Satcher's paper was one of several in the journal's March/April issue, which is devoted to the topic of health care discrepancies between races.

Elimination of this racial gap would prevent an estimated 83,570 early deaths annually, Satcher said.

Some 10,472 of those deaths occurred among black men who were 45 to 54 in 2000, according to research based on a death rate of 1,060 per 100,000 black men in that age group compared with a rate of 503 for white men.

One reason for the differences is that gains in health care access generally have not included black men unless they were older or disabled, Satcher said.

While a gap remains, there has been progress for infants, Satcher said. Deaths per 100,000 black males under 12 months fell from 5,307 in 1960 to 1,653 in 2000, he found. Comparable figures for whites were 2,694 in 1960 and 656 in 2000.

RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

In Brief

CHICAGO

Hale's Lawyer Says He Was Asked to Relay Message

An attorney for jailed white supremacist Matthew Hale, who has been a focus of the probe into the killings of a federal judge's husband and mother, said Wednesday that Hale's mother asked him late last

year to relay a coded message from Hale to one of his supporters. Hale is awaiting sentencing for soliciting the murder of the same jurist, Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow. Lawyer Glenn Greenwald said he declined to deliver the message. (AP)

PHILADELPHIA

Woman Files Civil Lawsuit Against Comedian Bill Cosby

The woman whose molestation accusations against Bill Cosby

were deemed insufficient evidence by prosecutors has filed a civil suit against the comedian. The woman came forward in January with accusations about the incident she said happened a year before. Prosecutors last month said they had not found sufficient evidence to support charges against Cosby. (AP)



Cosby

GATLINBURG, TENN.

Rangers Rescue 4 Hikers Stuck in Snowy Mountains

Park rangers rescued four hikers Wednesday who had become stranded in snow in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. One had to be airlifted to a hospital. The sick hiker, Matthew Shultz, was in good condition after he was taken to University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville as a precaution, spokesman Bob Miller said. (AP)

Today in The Washington Post

Gift Giver: Paul Allen, the billionaire investor and philanthropist, says he and Burt Rutan plan to donate SpaceShipOne to the Smithsonian. | *Style*

Life Line: Nancy Nearing generously gave her boss a kidney six years ago — so when he died last week, a piece of her was laid to rest along with him. | *Metro*

Tuned In: It may not exactly be al-Jazeera, South American style, but two new TV networks set to launch in South America say their philosophies are very similar. | *A Section*

ROAD RAGE: Fearing their town will be forgotten when a new highway bypasses it next year, locals in Kvinesdal, Norway, want to build the world's largest mountainside sign. At 52.5 by 492 feet, it would be a little bigger than Hollywood's famous marker.



World

In Brief

VENEZUELA

Rice Again Denies U.S. Role In Attempt to Oust Chavez

The United States "was not involved in any way" in a short-lived coup against Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday. The United States previously denied a role in the 2002 coup, but Rice made a broad and emphatic point of it during testimony before a panel of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee. (AP)

FRANCE

Strike Starts as Paris Tries To Woo Olympics Officials

Strikes by transportation workers got under way Wednesday night. In Paris, authorities said service on more than a dozen subway lines would be rerouted because of expected street protests. The work actions, which come amid a wave of labor discontent, were an embarrassment to leaders who are hosting International Olympic Committee officials through Saturday. (AP)

BRAZIL

Navy Trots Out Newest Sub

The Brazilian navy on Wednesday launched the biggest and most advanced submarine ever built in Brazil. The conventionally-powered submarine, the fourth constructed in Brazil, took nearly 10 years to build. Only 15 countries are capable of building submarines, the navy said, and Brazil is the only country in the Southern Hemisphere besides Australia with the technological know-how to build one. (AP)



ON THE MOVE: Syrian soldiers ride on the top of a truck through Lebanon's central mountains as they redeploy to the Bekaa Valley, closer to Syria, on Wednesday.

Emboldened, Pro-Syria Lebanese to Recall PM

Karami had stepped down in the face of anti-Damascus rallies

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Bolstered by a massive pro-Syrian demonstration, Lebanese allies of Syria moved Wednesday to reinstate the prime minister, who recently was forced out by anti-Damascus protests.

Outgoing Prime Minister Omar Karami was virtually assured nomination after 71 legislators put forward his name during consultations with pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud, lawmakers said. Under the constitution, the president is obliged to comply with the choice of

a majority of the 128-member parliament. A formal announcement was to come Thursday, said an official at the presidential palace.

Syria is keen to keep its hold on its neighbor's decision-making as it pulls its 14,000 forces back to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and negotiates the troops' full removal at a later date. As part of the pullback, forced by international pressure after the Feb. 14 assassination of former prime minister Rafik Hariri, Syrian soldiers evacuated positions in the north and central mountains Wednesday. (AP)



Karami

Gruesome Find on Bloody Day in Iraq

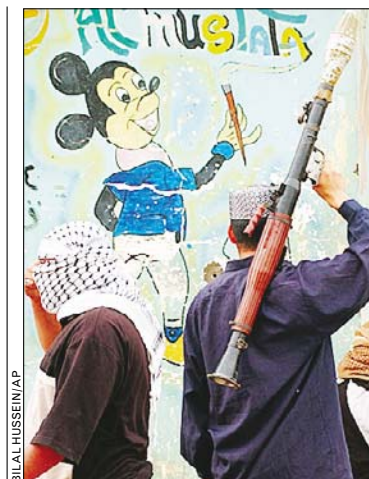
41 corpses, including those of women and children, discovered

BAGHDAD | Iraqi authorities found 41 decomposed bodies — some bullet-riddled, others beheaded — and said Wednesday they included women and children who may have been killed because insurgents thought their families were collaborating with U.S. forces.

Also on Wednesday, a suicide bomber driving a garbage truck loaded with explosives and at least one other gunman shot their way into a parking lot in a bid to blow up a hotel in Baghdad used by Western contractors. At least four people, including the attackers, were killed. The U.S. Embassy said 30 Americans were wounded; none were killed.

In an Internet statement, al Qaeda in Iraq purportedly claimed responsibility for the hotel attack.

The decomposed bodies were found Tuesday. Twenty-six of the dead, including one woman, were discovered outside Rumana, near the Syrian border. Each body was



Insurgents roam Ramadi, west of Baghdad, on Wednesday. Iraqi troops sealed off the roads to the militant stronghold.

riddled with bullets, police said.

The other site was south of Baghdad in Latifiya, where Iraqi troops found 15 headless bodies — including three women and two children — at an abandoned army base, Defense Ministry Capt. Sabah Yassin said. Yassin said some of men were thought to have been part of a group of Iraqi soldiers who were kidnapped two weeks ago. (AP)

BERLUSCONI DISPUTES U.S. ACCOUNT OF AGENT'S DEATH

ITALIAN PREMIER Silvio Berlusconi on Wednesday disputed Washington's version of the events leading to the killing of an Italian intelligence agent by U.S. troops in Baghdad, telling Italian lawmakers the agent had notified the proper authorities

that he was on his way to the airport after winning a hostage's release.

On Tuesday, the top U.S. general in Iraq, Army Gen. George Casey, said he has no indication that Italian officials gave advance notice of the route the car was traveling. (AP)

Chechen Rebels Vow to Continue Fight

MOSCOW | Chechen rebels vowed Wednesday to carry on their separatist fight against Russia following the death of their leader Aslan Maskhadov, who was killed after Russian special forces cornered him in an underground bunker in northern Chechnya.

"A new period has begun in the modern history of the Russian-Chechen military confrontation, which not only allows for no negotiations, but also for no end to the war," rebel ideologue Movladi Udugov wrote on a rebel Web site, Kavkaz-Center. JUDITH INGRAM (AP)

IRA Faces Heat From U.S. After Pub Killing

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | In its bluntest criticism yet of the Irish Republican Army, the Bush administration told the IRA it should disband following the outlawed group's offer to shoot four men responsible for killing a Catholic civilian.

The call from the U.S. envoy to Northern Ireland, Mitchell Reiss, came a week before St. Patrick's Day when, for the first time in a decade, leaders of the IRA's Sinn Fein party

won't be guests of the White House.

This year, the invitations are going to the five sisters of Robert McCartney, a 33-year-old forklift operator. McCartney was killed Jan. 30 by an IRA-led gang outside a Belfast pub. The IRA men allegedly then mopped up forensic evidence and warned witnesses in the pub they would face death if they went to the police.

Such IRA bullying has persisted

with relative impunity for 35 years, because virtually no Catholics have been willing to testify against the group. Reaction to the McCartney killing could mark a turning point.

The key reason for the change is the McCartney sisters. Unlike most families of IRA victims within Catholic districts, they have pursued a dogged public campaign demanding changes from leaders of Sinn Fein and the IRA. (AP)



DAFFY, TOO? Who says television is bad for children? Not the Malaysian government. The Education Ministry is urging students to watch more English-language television programs — even cartoons — as part of a new strategy to improve their English, news reports said Wednesday. (AP)

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World



A man attends to one of the victims in Mabini on Wednesday. At least 27 students died after eating a snack of cassava, which can turn poisonous if not made correctly.

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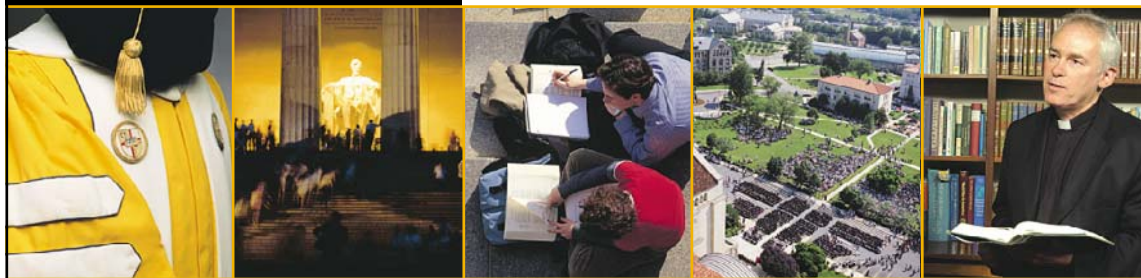
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Deadly Snack Kills 27 Filipino Children

Cassava, cooked incorrectly, turned poisonous

MANILA, PHILIPPINES | Wailing parents carried the bodies of their children from hospitals after a snack of cassava — a root that's poisonous if not prepared correctly — killed 27 and sickened 100 others Wednesday at an elementary school in the south-central Philippines.

Francisca Doliente said her 9-year-old niece was given some of the deep-fried caramelized cassava by one of her classmates at San Jose school in Mabini, a town on Bohol island. The classmate bought it from a vendor outside the school.

"Her friend is gone. She died," Doliente said. Her niece was being treated, she said.

Mayor Stephen Rances said 27 students were confirmed dead.

The roots of the cassava plant, a major crop in Southeast Asia, are rich in protein, minerals and the vitamins A, B and C. However, cassava is poisonous unless it is peeled and thoroughly cooked. If it is eaten raw or prepared incorrectly, one of its chemical constituents will be attacked by digestive enzymes and give off the deadly poison cyanide.

Some victims were still vomiting 12 hours after eating the cassava, said Dr. Nenita Po of Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital. However, those who were alive when they reached the hospital had a good chance of surviving, Po said.

A specimen of the cassava was taken for inspection at the local Crime Laboratory Group. (AP)

Guatemala Delays Vote on U.S. Trade Pact Amid Protests

GUATEMALA CITY | Police used tear gas and water cannon to beat back hundreds of demonstrators who were trying to prevent Guatemala's Congress from approving a free-trade agreement with the United States on Wednesday.

The protests have forced Congress

to delay plans to vote on the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

After many lawmakers were unable to reach the building on Tuesday, the army said it was ready to supply 500 troops to help maintain order, though the government said it would not immediately use them.

The opponents argue that the treaty would hurt local farmers and workers through competition with cheaper imported goods and with powerful foreign companies. (AP)

DELTA BLUES: Delta Air Lines said Wednesday it is dropping its food-for-sale program April 3 (in favor of more free snacks), raising the price of alcoholic drinks and, in mid-March, eliminating pillows on many flights, seeking to improve service and cut costs.



Money

Hackers Snatch LexisNexis Data

Personal information on 32,000 customers may have been stolen

NEW YORK | Using stolen passwords from legitimate customers, intruders accessed personal information on as many as 32,000 U.S. citizens in a database owned by the information broker LexisNexis, the company said. The announcement Wednesday comes on the heels of a series of similar high-profile breaches, the most serious affecting another large data broker, ChoicePoint Inc., in which scores of identities were stolen. The ChoicePoint case, as well as other data losses including one affecting some 1.2 million federal employees with Bank of America charge cards, have prompted an outcry for federal oversight of a loosely regulated commercial sector. In the data-brokering business, sensitive data about nearly every adult

American is bought and sold. The first in a series of Capitol Hill hearings are scheduled for Thursday. At LexisNexis, criminals found a way to compromise the log-ins and passwords of a handful of legitimate customers to get access to the database, said Kurt Sanford, the company's chief executive, said. The FBI and the Secret Service are both investigating the breach. The database that was compromised, called Accurant, sells reports for \$4.50 each that include an individual's Social Security number, past addresses, date of birth and voter registration information, including party affiliation. No credit history, medical records or financial information were accessed in the breach, the company said in a statement. LexisNexis said it would be notifying affected customers in the coming days. It will provide them with ongoing credit monitoring and other support. ELLEN SIMON (AP)

Privacy at risk: Lawmakers say they'll investigate how well U.S. information brokers are guarding consumers' personal information | Today's Post, A Section

Bush Urges Japan's PM To Lift Ban on U.S. Beef

Tokyo closed market to U.S. products after mad cow found in '03

TOKYO | President Bush urged Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to end a 15-month ban on American beef, as Washington stepped up pressure Wednesday to reopen the once-lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef producers. Washington has wanted the ban lifted ever since Japan halted imports of American beef products in December 2003, following the discovery of the United States' first case of mad cow disease. Last month, some U.S. lawmakers warned of possible sanctions if



Japan does not end the ban soon. During their call, Koizumi said he wants to resume the beef trade soon, Japan's Foreign Ministry said. White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would raise the issue when she visits Tokyo next week. "It's an important issue. We would like to see the market opened," McClellan said. (AP)

Oil Reserves to Stay Closed for Now

There's no telling how high oil prices will climb — they briefly surpassed \$55 a barrel on Wednesday — but analysts are confident that retail gasoline prices, now \$2 a gallon nationwide, have yet to peak. Two factors point to more pain at the pump, they said. The whole-sale price of motor fuel is up more than 20 percent since the start of the month, and in 19 out of the last 20 years, gasoline prices have risen between now and mid-May. "We're not at a top yet," said Tom Kloza, director of Oil Price Information Service. He said he

expects the nationwide average to surpass \$2.10 a gallon soon — a forecast that is in line with recent predictions by the Energy Department. While some Democrats have called on President Bush to release oil from the nation's emergency reserve to ease market conditions, the administration said Wednesday it had no such plans. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
GrLkCh	33.60	+6.42	+23.6
Crompton	15.31	+1.85	+13.7
FleetEn	9.74	+1.83	+9.3
Blockbstr	9.44	+1.72	+8.3
Blockbstr n	9.00	+1.67	+8.0

Losers

Harman	95.55	-14.72	-13.3
BBVABFrn	6.83	-.66	-8.8
SJuanB	33.22	-3.16	-8.7
CmclMtl s	32.75	-2.62	-7.4
Amrep	26.27	-2.07	-7.3

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	5.50	5.50
Fed Funds close	2.50	2.4375
3-month	2.70	2.68
2-year	3.66	3.56
10-year	4.52	4.38
30-year	4.83	4.74

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VelctyE h rs	5.62	+1.97	+54.0
Bitstrm	3.62	+1.04	+40.3
BluDolp	2.85	+.64	+29.0
Solexa n	17.00	+3.50	+25.9
Retek	10.63	+2.04	+23.7

Losers

ChinaNRes	6.05	-1.44	-19.2
Everlast	10.66	-1.97	-15.6
NPS Phm	11.29	-1.96	-14.8
MncTech	9.92	-1.70	-14.6
Geores	6.75	-1.14	-14.4

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5190	.5186	.5474
Canadian Dollar	1.2045	1.2141	1.3236
European Euro	.7459	.7495	.8127
Japanese Yen	103.85	104.71	111.41
Mexican Peso	11.0010	10.9800	10.9570
Taiwanese Dollar	30.68	30.82	33.40

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-107.00	-12.26	-12.42
-0.98	-0.59	-1.02
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ABN Amro	27.64	-.06	+3.9
BcBilVarg	17.36	-.14	-2.1
BcoSnCH	12.69	-.08	+2.6
BkofAm s	45.70	-.56	-2.7
Barclay	43.80	+1.19	-4.1
CredSuisse	45.21	-.14	+7.2
DeutscheBk	90.93	+1.18	+2.2
HSBC	82.02	-.48	-3.7
JPMorgCh	36.47	-.47	-6.5
LloydTSB	38.90	-.12	+5.7
MitsuTkyo	9.24	+1.19	-9.6
UBS AG	88.62	-.18	+5.7
US Bancrp	29.50	-.31	-5.8
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WellsFrgo	59.74	-1.05	-3.9

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DO NOT DISTURB: Officials at the National Zoo said Wednesday it appears giant panda Mei Xiang will be ready to mate with Tian Tian within the next three days. To give the pair privacy, their exhibit will close for three to four days starting Thursday.

Missing Md. Girl An Exotic Dancer

ROCKVILLE, MD. | Investigators searching for a young woman last seen a week ago revealed Wednesday that her car was found in Northeast Washington.

Emily Cagal of Bethesda was supposed to meet friends in Florida last Friday, but never showed. Cagal, 24, was last seen March 2 in Montgomery County, where police call her disappearance suspicious.

The president of "Touch Too Much" Entertainment, a firm that supplies exotic dancers for parties, told WRC-TV that Cagal worked for her under the name "Jordan." Her last job for the company was Feb. 26, in Northern Virginia, company president Joann Cooper said.

Montgomery County police refused to say what Cagal does for a living. (AP)



Cagal

Mercury Containers Found in School

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams called Cardozo High School's mercury contamination problem "embarrassing" Wednesday, as federal investigators discovered six containers of mercury in the school's science labs.

Marcos Aquino, a coordinator with the Environmental Protection Agency, said officials began going through the labs at the request of school officials, who were scrambling to determine the source of several spills in recent weeks. The EPA found the containers in three Cardozo classrooms.

Wednesday's effort came as Superintendent Clifford Janey issued a directive that mercury be removed from all city schools. That was supposed to have been done after a mercury find in 2003 closed Ballou High School for more than a month.

Weighing in on the mercury problems at his weekly press briefing, the mayor called the situation "embarrassing to the city," and added, "we all look like fools."

Cardozo has been closed all week after mercury was discovered in its basement Sunday — the third such find since an initial mercury spill shut the school Feb. 23.

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PAY PLAY? Redskins fans planning to beat a \$25 parking fee by leaving their cars at Metro's new Blue Line stations, where weekend parking is free, may be out of luck. Metro officials plan to discuss Thursday whether to charge parkers on game days.



Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Official: Don't Expect Payback for Inauguration

Seven weeks after the Bush inaugural, D.C. and some of its suburbs are still hoping for reimbursement of the \$12 million they spent on security. But a homeland security official is telling them not to hold their breath. At Wednesday's Council of Governments meeting, regional Homeland Security coordinator Tom Lockwood said the region would have lost the grant money anyway, because it failed to submit plans to use it last fall. (AP)



The remains of Dorothy Sullivan's dog are carried out a day after the attack.

PARTLOW, VA.

Police Find Killer Pit Bull

Authorities Wednesday found the third pit bull believed involved in a fatal attack on an 82-year-old Spotsylvania County woman. Police

say Dorothy Sullivan and her dog were attacked in her yard Tuesday by three pit bulls. Sullivan died en route to the hospital. One dog was killed by sheriff's deputies and one was captured Tuesday. (AP)

RICHMOND

VDOT Adds Security Patrols

The Virginia Department of Transportation is expanding a motorist assistance program that was slashed two years ago during the state budget crisis, officials said Wednesday. VDOT will put an additional \$4 million into the Safety Service Patrol program, which helps motorists in the Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg and Salem areas. (AP)

Mayor Hints at Re-Election Bid

Williams would be 'disappointed' if he doesn't seek third term

WASHINGTON | Mayor Anthony A. Williams acknowledged Wednesday that he would be disappointed if he decided not to run for re-election in 2006.

"In a lot of ways I would be," he said, when asked the question by a reporter at his weekly news conference. The mayor, who would be seeking a third term, did not elaborate.

Williams has declined to announce his future plans, though several D.C. Council members already have created exploratory committees and started raising funds for the upcoming race. The mayor acknowledged he would face a difficult campaign if he decided to run, describing it as "intense combat."

Williams offered some insight



Mayor Anthony Williams said it would be an intense campaign for re-election.

into his thinking Wednesday.

"One of the things that would really motivate me would be the opportunity to go out and talk to the real people of the city and defend my record, blemishes and all," he said. "Because even with the blemishes, it's a great record." (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, March 9

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	3-9-3 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	3-2-7 (red)
Mid-day DC 4	9-7-6-0
Evening DC 4	3-1-2-0
Quick Cash	33-38-12-18-1-4
Hot Five	13-29-22-3-32

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	8-4-8
Evening Pick 3	6-0-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-0-8-5
Evening Pick 4	3-6-8-1
Match 5	6-14-17-25-29 Bonus: 24

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-1-5
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	4-4-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-8-1-8

Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-9-2-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	9-24-30-32-34
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	10-11-27-30-31

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Sports



NEW POSITION: Rick Ankiel, who famously had extreme control issues pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals, has found a solution to his problem. He has decided to end his pitching career and try his hand at playing in the outfield.

Must-Win Game For Terps, Again

Victory over Clemson in ACC tourney would strengthen NCAA bid

COLLEGE HOOPS | The Maryland Terrapins open up their 2004 ACC Tournament championship defense today as the tournament returns to the greater Washington area for the first time in 17 years.

In a game bracketologists are saying the Terps must win to bolster their chance of receiving an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, Maryland will face the Clemson Tigers, who swept the season series against Gary Williams' team.

"We definitely know we have to win. We hold our own fate," guard Chris McCray said Wednesday.

Of course, that's what the Terps said before losing last Saturday at Virginia Tech, another must-win game supposedly.

But there is reason for optimism in College Park. The Terps enter this

year's tournament with the same conference record (7-9) they had when they won it last year.

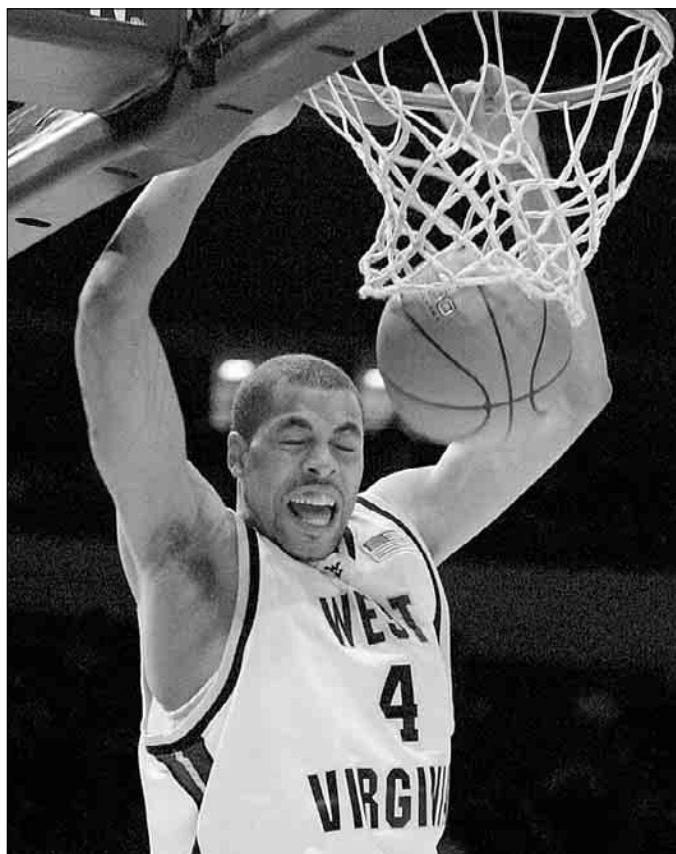
There's also a possible home-court advantage, since the games will be played at the MCI Center — only the fourth time in the tournament's 52-year history the ACC has come to the area.

But this year's Maryland team has been fickle, and there's no predicting whether the team that appears today will resemble the squad that has beaten Duke twice or the one that has lost its last three games.

To win, Maryland will need to come out strong. In their two losses to Clemson, the Terps were down 16 and 10 at the half. The Terps will also need to focus on Tiger forward Sharrod Ford, who has averaged 24.5 points and 10 rebounds against Maryland. **BRENDAN LOWE**

Later: The Georgetown-Seton Hall game ended after Express' deadline. Results | washingtonpost.com/sports

COLLEGE HOOPS | BIG WIN FOR MOUNTAINEERS



JAMMING: West Virginia's Tyrone Sally dunks in an 82-59 victory Wednesday over Providence in the first round of the Big East tournament. The win should ensure that the Mountaineers make the NCAA tournament.

Fan Fare

COLLEGE HOOPS | BY EMILY GOODMAN

Maryland Gets Another Shot

WILL THEY OR WON'T THEY? Gary Williams' Maryland Terrapins always leave me asking that question. Will they or won't they make clutch plays when they need to? Will they or won't they score big points down the stretch of a game?

But that question has another, more important meaning. Will they or won't they get a chance to be part of March Madness? A big test comes Thursday in the Terrapins' opening-round ACC tourney game against Clemson, a team that beat the Terps twice this season.

Maryland does not have an overly impressive record (16-11 overall, 7-9 in the ACC), but has quality wins against Duke and Georgia Tech.

But are the big wins enough to erase the bad losses? Do the Terps belong in the NCAA Tournament?

No. Inconsistency and embarrassing defeats have shaped this season. After beating Duke and Georgia Tech in back-to-back games, the Terrapins lost to Clemson and Miami on the road. But the Terps are missing something besides a winning record away from home (2-8).

Where is their heart? The team that beat the Blue Devils twice this season was nowhere to be found twice against Clemson or against Virginia Tech last Saturday.

Maryland needs to find its heart in time for the ACC tournament. Losing to the Tigers (15-14, 5-11) for a third time would eliminate any hope of making the Big Dance.

Hopefully they'll figure it out in time. But as of now, Maryland doesn't seem to know what it wants.

Emily Goodman is a senior at the University of Maryland, where she studies journalism.

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Scalping Super Bowl Tickets Puts Tice in Trouble

FOOTBALL | The NFL acknowledged Wednesday that is looking into allegations that Minnesota coach Mike Tice scalped Super Bowl tickets.

Tice confirmed to the Associated Press on Tuesday that he had met with league security officials, but declined to elaborate.

ESPN reported Wednesday that Tice told the network that he had scalped tickets when he was an assistant with the Vikings, but not when he was a head coach.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said that it is forbidden for team employees to scalp tickets. He said it would be up to commissioner Paul Tagliabue to determine the penalty. (AP)



Tice

FRATERNITÉ: Lance Armstrong is supporting Paris' bid to host the 2012 Olympics. The six-time Tour de France champ said the City of Lights would be an "outstanding" choice and New York could host the 2016 games if passed over this time.



Sports

In Brief

FOOTBALL

Agent: Colts Willing to Trade Star Running Back James

The agent for Edgerrin James said Wednesday that Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian would not require a team to give up a first-round draft pick in exchange for the Pro Bowl running back. "The bottom line is that I talked to the Colts today, and he doesn't think he can

get a long-term deal done," agent Drew Rosenhaus said in a telephone interview. "He is being very reasonable and flexible in a trade." (AP)

SOCCER

Juventus Bounces Madrid Out of Champions League

Marcelo Zalayeta scored the deciding goal four minutes from the end of extra time Wednesday to lead Juventus over Real Madrid 2-0 and into the Champions League quarterfinals. Zalayeta, an Uruguayan forward, scored the winning goal

to complete a 2-1 aggregate victory. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Marshall Coach Resigns

Marshall football coach Bob Pruett retired Wednesday after nine years, saying it was time to move on. The 61-year-old Pruett told the team of his decision in the morning and held a final news conference three hours later. Larry Kueck, Marshall's associate offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, will serve as interim coach. (AP)

WOMEN'S HOOPS

Big East Looks Into UConn. Coach's On-Court Comments

The Big East is looking into allegations by Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer that Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma made inappropriate comments to a Scarlet Knights player during the conference title game. Rutgers guard Cappie Pondexter confronted Auriemma after UConn's 67-51 win Tuesday night. Neither commented on what was said during the confrontation. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE HOOPS (NOON ON UPN20) Maryland tries to beat Clemson for the first time this year during the first round of the ACC tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (6:30 P.M. ON COMCAST) George Washington faces either Duquesne or Fordham in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Connecticut plays the winner of Wednesday's Georgetown-Seton Hall game in the Big East tournament.

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Sports

Gibbs Defends Redskins' Losses

Coach answers tough questions after Pierce, Smoot sign elsewhere

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs spoke for 12 minutes nonstop. He said nothing new and repeated the same words and phrases several times, sounding more like a man at a loss to explain something gone awry than a Hall of Fame football coach.

He tried massaging the numbers as best he could, and explained the ramifications of the salary cap as if no one else had ever dealt with it before.

He could not, however, escape the final conclusion: The Washington Redskins were just 1-for-3 in their major offseason goals.

"We lost two players," Gibbs said. "I don't like that."

The Redskins lost middle line-backer Antonio Pierce and corner-back Fred Smoot to free agency in the past week.

They also sent disgruntled receiver Laveranues Coles to the New York Jets for Santana Moss, an exchange that counts a crippling \$9.3 million toward Washington's salary cap this season because of Coles. The trade will eat up all but a sliver of the \$9.5 million saved in the one goal that was achieved: the restructuring of tackle Chris Samuels' contract.

Gibbs called Wednesday's news conference to reassure fans that he did what he could to keep Smoot and Pierce. He also defended his role as team president, even as questions mount over whether he would be better off working with a general manager — as he did in the 1980s with Bobby Beathard.

"Inside this building, I think we are together," Gibbs said. "Somebody has to take the heat if things don't go well. That's me. A lot of successful football teams, they're winning games and everything, they're structured in a similar fashion."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



WHO KNEW? The Washington Redskins are scheduled to introduce wide receiver Santana Moss on Thursday. Laveranues Coles, delayed by poor weather in the Northeast, passed his physical on Wednesday night. As a result, the swap of disgruntled wide receivers, agreed to on Saturday, finally became official. Moss passed his physical on Wednesday. (AP)

NATIONALS | PUTTING PRACTICE



WASH OUT: Tigers infielder Kelly Hunt, left, looks on as Washington Nationals pitcher Joey Eischen practices his putting in Viera, Fla., on Wednesday. The teams' scheduled game was one of nine rained out.

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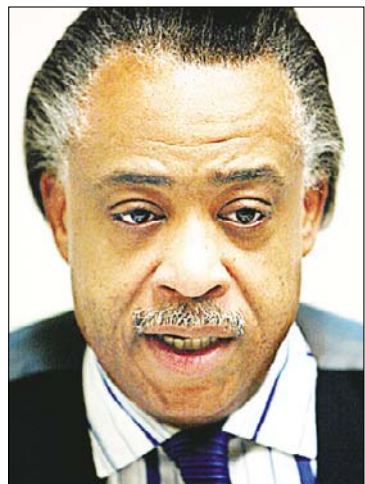
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IS SINBAD THE COMIC FREE? "Sinbad" might sail after all. The much-delayed "8th Voyage of Sinbad" has a couple of heavy hitters in negotiation to participate: Keanu Reeves as the title character and "Fast and the Furious" director Rob Cohen to direct.



Entertainment



Sharpton wants any hip-hop act connected to violence to suffer financially.

Rev. Al: Rap Rap Violence

SOLUTIONS | The Rev. Al Sharpton is putting in his two cents about the latest drama involving 50 Cent.

The civil rights leader on Tuesday proposed a ban that would muzzle artists connected to any violent acts, denying them airplay on radio and television for 90 days. Though he did not single out 50 Cent by name, he said that a recent shooting linked to a feud involving 50 demonstrated the need for such a policy.

"There's a difference in the having the right to express yourself and in engaging in violence and using the violence to hype record sales, and then polluting young Americans that this is the key to success, by gunslinging and shooting," he said.

The Game and 50 Cent have since announced a truce to their bitter feud and pledged to donate funds to the Harlem Boys Choir and the Compton Unified School District Music Program.

Meanwhile, rapper Lil' Kim is on trial for perjury and conspiracy in connection with another shooting that occurred outside the same radio station in 2001, and Newsweek reported this week that the federal government is investigating the entire rap industry for alleged crimes. NEKESA MUMBI MOODY (AP)

Dressing Down

Vogue's queen of mean, Anna Wintour, inspires a biography

BOOKS | It's a safe bet that when Anna Wintour dropped out of school at 16, even her nearest and dearest didn't predict much success in her future. Certainly not that the once rebellious teen known for her micro minis and rogue boyfriends would go on to reign as High Priestess of Fashion for 25 years and counting.

Now, biographer Jerry Oppenheimer has written an unauthorized account of the Vogue.

For "Front Row — Anna Wintour: The Cool Life and Hot Times of Vogue's Editor-In-Chief," the author had no access to his subject. She refused to talk to him and requested that her friends, family and anyone who worked at Vogue — and wanted to continue working



NUCLEAR WINTOUR: Among the few tidbits of dirt in "Front Row" — Wintour discards friends, keeps employees guessing and always gets what she wants.

there — also shun him, he said.

The book accordingly suffers from a lack of depth. There is little of the deliciously lurid personal detail, and Oppenheimer displays no knowledge of haute couture.

It appears that no one has gotten to know Wintour well — at least, no one who was willing to talk about her to Oppenheimer.

One of his main sources for her early life was a discontented former best friend who says that, as a teen, Wintour took perverse delight in buying clothing gifts that were sizes too small for her friend.

In the office, he writes, "Anna's imperious manner manifested itself even in the elevators and hallways of Vogue. It was an unwritten rule that Anna didn't permit anyone to ride on the elevators with her There was even a rule imposed about ... when and where one might speak to her."

Fashionistas will cling to every tidbit about the life and times of this petite woman who was born rich. And it may provide comfort to her detractors. As Oppenheimer said, "Fashion is a bottom-line business. Anything can happen. Even to her."

BETTIANE LEVINE (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

'The Passion Recut' Loses Some Blood

EDITS | "The Passion of the Christ" is back. But Mel Gibson's epic about the final 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life will be a less gory, more family-friendly film. "The Passion Recut," as it is now called, opens Friday in



Gibson

500 theaters nationwide. The original version carried an R rating because of its graphic depiction of a bloody Christ being flayed, whipped and dying a slow and agonizing death. The movie "is the same film in spirit," Gibson explained. "By softening some of its more wrenching aspects, I hope to make the film and its message of love available to a wider audience." FRANCES GRANDY TAYLOR (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

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WHEN LONI MET TORI: It's surreally perfect: Over-the-top blondes Loni Anderson and Tori Spelling will play mother and daughter in a pilot for NBC called, fittingly, "Notorious." Spelling stars as kinda sorta herself.

DEBUTS | Like Monty Python, "The Hollow Men" (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central) combine university smarts with a refined sense of silliness. These Cambridge-educated Brits take their name from a T.S. Eliot poem, after all.

The most clever and elaborate sketch involves a trio of demented customers at a shoe store who repeatedly pester the clerk with absurd questions about quasi-obscene and farcical animals.

Their frantic interrogation eventually morphs into a ridiculous song right out of a cracked Gilbert & Sullivan operetta — or a Monty Python skit. KEVIN MCDONOUGH
 (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

WORKING GIRLS

POWER GIRLS (10:30 p.m., MTV) Vulgar rich girl Lizzie Grubman invites a camera crew to chronicle her life as a publicist at work and play. Some may enjoy this train wreck for its inadvertent comedy.

O.C. STANDS FOR IPOD

THE O.C. (8 p.m., Fox) Tonight's episode features a walk-on by Billy Campbell and songs from the new album "Guero" by Beck, his first studio album in almost three years.

TRY ACTING

On back-to-back episodes of **THE STARLET** (WB), 10 wannabes (8 p.m.), a shocking love scene (9 p.m.).

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION? ICKY

POINT PLEASANT (9 p.m., Fox) Christina takes a harrowing bus ride.



Frances McDormand as the pregnant, surprisingly tough cop in "Fargo."

CULT CHOICE

FARGO (8 p.m., TMC) A kidnapping and extortion scheme goes awry in the frozen north in this 1996 black comedy by Joel and Ethan Coen, the talents behind **RAISING ARIZONA** (10 p.m., Fox Movie Channel). KEVIN MC DONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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WRC	News	News	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Joey	Will & Grace	The Apprentice "Bring It On" (N)	The Contender (N)	News	News	News	Tonight Show.
WTTG	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	The O.C. "The Mallpisode" (N)	Point Pleasant "Unraveling" (N)	News	News	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WJLA	News	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Billy Graham Greater Los Angeles	Extreme Makeover	PrimeTime Live	PrimeTime Live	News	News	News	(35) Nightline
WUSA	News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Palau "Sumo at Sea"	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)	Without a Trace "Long Star" (N)	Without a Trace "Long Star" (N)	News	News	News	Late Show
WDCA	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girlfriends	Girlfriends	WWE SmackDown! (N)	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg
WMPT	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Business Conn.	Greek Americans	Greek Americans	Mario Frangoulis: Sometimes I Dream	Greek Americans	Greek Americans	Greek Americans	Greek Americans	Greek Americans	Greek Americans
WETA	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Dr. Christiane Northrup's Mother-Daughter Wisdom (N)	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.	Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke Financial advice.
WHUT	Ernest J. Gaines: Louisiana Stories	BBC World News	Money Wise	On Africa	Women of Wisdom	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)
WBDC	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Parkers	Steve Harvey	The Starlet	The Starlet	Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Blind Date
A&E	City Confidential	American Justice "Blood Relations"	Cold Case Files Anthropologist aids in investigation.	The First 48	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan	Crossing Jordan
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme "Horrors"	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Pet Star "Wild Card Special"	Animal Cops San Francisco	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET Style	The Parkers	Girlfriends	Soul Food	Club Comic View	BET Nightly News	BET Style	BET Nightly News	BET Style	BET Nightly News	BET Style
Bravo	(5:00) ** "Hard to Kill" (1990)	The West Wing "Memorial Day"	Queer Eye for the Straight Girl	Celebrity Poker Showdown	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy	Queer Eye for the Straight Guy
Comedy	Crank Yankers	Women on Top	Daily Show	Mad TV	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park
Court	NYPD Blue "Better Laid Than Never"	Cops	Cops	The Investigators "Mind Games"	Forensic Files (N)	Body of Evidence	Masterminds	Psychic Detect	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice	Hollywood Heat	Hollywood Justice
Discovery	Monster Garage	American Chopper "Police Bike 1"	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Dateline "Terror on the Tracks" (N)	American Casino (N)	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles	Totally Out of Control -- Vehicles
DISCH	Paramedics "True Believers"	Trauma: Life in the ER	Gender Swap	Sex Mania	Sex, Gender and Desire	Gender Swap	Gender Swap	Gender Swap	Gender Swap	Gender Swap	Gender Swap	Gender Swap
Disney	Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	** "The Even Stevens Movie" (2003, Comedy) Shia LaBeouf.	Sister, Sister	Even Stevens	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
E!	Dr. 90210	E! News (N)	Jackson Trial	Kirstie Alley: E! True Hollywood Story	Jackson Trial	Life Is Great	Saturday Night Live	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
FX	Fear Factor	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill
HGTV	Wind Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Mission: Orgnz	reDesign (N)	Divine Design	Designers'	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
Family	7th Heaven "It Takes Two, Baby"	Smallville "Duplicitry"	** "My Favorite Martian" (1999) Christopher Lloyd, Jeff Daniels.	Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
History	Snipers: Law Enforcement Snipers	Modern Marvels "Police Guns"	Alaska: Big America	Modern Marvels "Oil Tankers"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"	Modern Marvels "Sub Disasters"
Lifetime	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	** "No One Could Protect Her" (1996, Drama) Joanna Kerns.	"Deliberate Intent" (2000, Drama) Timothy Hutton, James McDaniel.	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
MTV	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Direct Effect	Pimp My Ride	Pimp My Ride	Making Band	PowerR Girls	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show	Ashlee-Show
NICK	U-Pick	Rugrats	Jimmy Neutron	Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob	Romeo! "Pinhead"	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "First Commandment"	** "Atomic Train" (1999, Action) Rob Lowe, Esai Morales, Kristin Davis. A train carrying a nuclear weapon careens toward Denver.	** "Trucks" (1997, Horror)	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC	MXC
SPIKE	World's Wildest Police Videos	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	Friends	Friends	* "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (2001) Martin Lawrence.	"What's the Worst"	"What's the Worst"	"What's the Worst"	"What's the Worst"	"What's the Worst"	"What's the Worst"
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Doublehauling Mazda truck; Chevrolet Chevelle.	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Rides "Tonight's Ride"	Rides "Tonight's Ride"
TLC	Clean Sweep "Fashion for Clutter"	In a Fix	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Miami Heat. (Live)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. From American Airlines Center in Dallas.
TNT	Charmed "Little Monsters"	Medical Investigation	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	*** "The First Wives Club" (1996, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, Diane Keaton.	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina	** Sabrina
USA	JAG "A Tangled Web"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 1"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 2"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 3"	100 Most Wanted Bodies "Hour 4"	Strange Love	Strange Love	Strange Love	Strange Love	Strange Love	Strange Love	Strange Love
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CSN	(5:30) College Basketball Pac-10 Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA.	The Sports List	The Sports List	College Basketball Pac-10 Tournament Quarterfinal -- Teams TBA. (Live)	SportsNite	Basketball	SportsNite	Basketball	SportsNite	Basketball	SportsNite	Basketball
CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Lou Dobbs Tonight
FNC	Special Report (Live)	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live)	Hannity & Colmes (Live)	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor
MSNBC	The Abrams Report	Hardball	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	MSNBC Investigates: Invisible People	Scarborough Country	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball	Hardball
AMC	** "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG'	** "Rocky V" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky VI" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky VII" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky VIII" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky IX" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky X" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky XI" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky XII" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky XIII" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky XIV" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'	** "Rocky XV" (1990, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. 'PG-13'
TCM	(5:00) ** "Living in a Big Way"	An Evening With Gene Kelly	**** "American Graffiti" (1973, Comedy) Richard Dreyfuss. 'PG'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'	**** "Around the World in 80 Days" (1956) David Niven. 'G'
HBO	*** "The Company" (2000, Drama) Neve Campbell. 'PG-13'	** "Malibu's Most Wanted" (2003) Jamie Kennedy. 'R'	Dope Sick Love (N)	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers	Atlantic City Hookers
MAX	Prince of Tides (c35) ** "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Steven Seagal. 'R'	(c15) *** "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock. 'PG-13'	** "Basic" (2003, Suspense) John Travolta. 'R'	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.	Amy Lynn Bax.
SHOW	(c15) ** "For Love or Money" (1993) Michael J. Fox. iTV. 'PG'	*** "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg. iTV. 'PG-13'	** "The Big Hit" (1993) Mark Wahlberg. iTV. 'R'	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers	Summer Lovers
TMC	(c35) *** "Seven Years in Tibet" (1997, Drama) Brad Pitt. 'PG-13'	*** "Fargo" (1996) Frances McDormand. 'R'	(c45) *** "Mortal Thoughts" (1991) Demi Moore. Premiere. 'R'	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power	Absolute Power
STARZ!	(c35) *** "Quick Change" (1990)	(c10) ** "Anger Management" (2003) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13'	** "The Third Wheel" (2002) Luke Wilson. 'PG-13'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'	(c35) ** "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. 'R'
ENCORE	Kindergarten Cop (c20) ** "Daddy Day Care" (2003) Eddie Murphy. 'PG'	*** "Working Girl" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Melanie Griffith. 'R'	** "Darkness Falls" (2003) Chaney Kley. 'PG-13'	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2	Final Dest. 2

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Technology

Atlanta injects media into its mass transit. Could Metro be next?

John Brink looked bored as he stood, skateboard wedged between his legs, waiting for the train. Brink, 39, who has been riding the subway since 1983, said he could use some television or music on his commutes, and would be willing to listen to most anything.

By late spring, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority will become the first North American subway to pump television and radio feeds into its trains. Each of its 230 rail cars will be outfitted with 15-inch flat screens playing a news loop from ABC affiliate WSB-TV, plus transmitters offering top 40, jazz and R&B.

In a deal with media company The Rail Network, MARTA will get a cut of the revenue from the advertising on the televisions and the on-train music channels,

and could make \$20 million over the next decade, said David Lane, chief executive officer of The Rail Network.

Lane said he expects Washington and Vancouver to follow Atlanta's lead. He said he's had discussions with every major transit authority in North America, and his company plans to cater to each system's con-

Tube in The Tube

tent to that particular city. "What we want them to see is something they would see at home," Lane said.

Subway riders will be able to pick up the radio feeds and television audio from any FM receiver. Through technology Lane created,

the software on the train will keep programming fresh. As the train passes through wireless clouds — up to a mile radius — it will detect any new content and download it onto the trains' TVs.

Some patrons said they would

prefer to watch a wider variety of stations, but no one felt the news was being foisted upon them. Others said they'd welcome any distraction from a boring commute. "I like watching that screen over there," said Lee Page, 54, pointing to a digital ticker in the train station.

Still, Page was skeptical of the MARTA plan. "I think it's a good idea. I just don't think it'll go over. I think people will abuse the system, rip out the monitors."

Studying for a test on his way to Georgia State University, P.J. Webb, 22, said most riders will like it, but it may disrupt his studies because he'll want to watch television instead. "I'm always reading and studying, so it's going to be kind of a distraction," he said. ELIOTT C. McLAUGHLIN (AP)

STAY TUNED, METRO

METRO RIDERS may also soon enjoy TV while crisscrossing the nation's capital. Metro is reviewing proposals from companies for a two-year pilot project to add flat video screens to two six-car trains and up to 25 buses, possibly by this fall, a spokesman said.

What would be on? News, weather, sports, maybe some Metro info — and ads, of course (Metro expects to rake in some extra revenue from advertising). Silence will remain an option for those who prefer reading or staring blankly out the window: Audio would be wirelessly transmitted, screens would have captioning, or both. (EXPRESS)



RAIL TV: MARTA employees Ron Andrews, left, and Warren Taylor, right, check out the first TV in Atlanta's subway.

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Television

Rather's Exit

ANDREW TYNDALL, publisher of the Tyndall Report, an industry newsletter which monitors television news, was online Wednesday and discussed Dan Rather's career and the future of network news | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Dan Rather's been in the anchor chair for the "CBS Evening News" for 24 years. What can you tell us about his tenure as anchorman?

Dan Rather was the prominent reporter for CBS News for many years before he took over as anchor 24 years ago. He likes to look back on his entire career as a reporter, with evening anchor chair as his second job. The stories that made him famous — hurricane coverage, Tiananmen Square, Watergate, the Afghanistan War, interviewing Saddam Hussein — all saw him in the capacity as reporter. His reputation as newsreader is secondary.

Why have the "CBS Evening News" ratings been so low?

It was a dark day for CBS News when it lost the rights to NFL football games to Fox. Several local stations with strong news operations defected from CBS to keep football. CBS' other enormous strength over the years has been in rural and small-town markets — the so-called red states — where Fox News Channel has its core appeal. You

might say that CBS News' strength has been eroded by a one-two punch from Rupert Murdoch's Fox.

How do the big three network news shows stand up to one another? Do they have their own characteristics as far as show content, regardless of who's the anchor?

The remarkable thing about the three networks' nightly newscasts is how similar they are. At some periods in the past they have each developed a house-style. For example, in the mid-'90s, NBC aired lighter fare (O.J. Simpson, lifestyle features) and ABC was more cosmopolitan (leading the way on international coverage). Since the end of the Clinton era, all three have settled on a serious foreign-policy dominated format.

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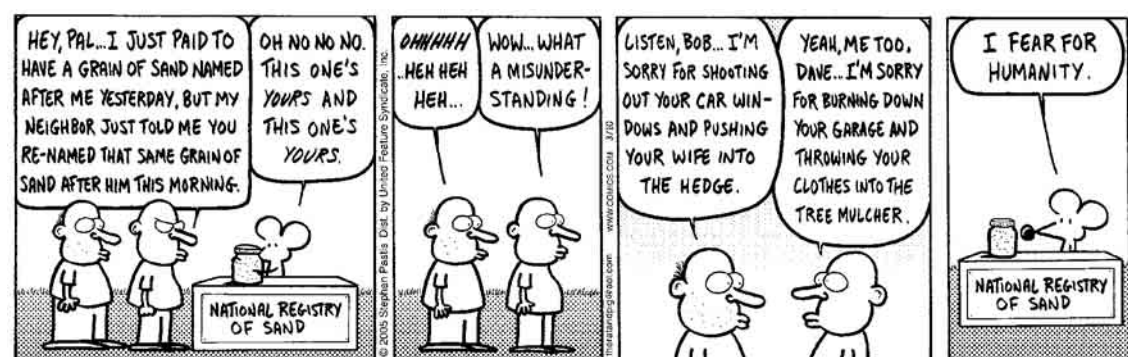
NOON: Post columnist Richard Leiby dishes the dirt about what's really happening in Washington.

1 P.M.: Sen. Andrew P. Harris (R-Baltimore County) discusses the ongoing debate over embryonic stem cell research in the Maryland General Assembly.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Take the Seats, Please

YES, METRORAIL cars can do without the seats. Of course riders crowd the door area — if they stand in the middle of the aisle, there's no guarantee they will make it out of the

car. There are too many people to climb over who can't get out of the way because there are too many seats taking up space. Plus, too many lazy people won't get up so others can get out of inside seats. If Metro removed the seats and made a row of seats on either car wall, as New York City's subway does, there would be more room for people to

stand and move about freely without blocking doors or seats. Have we as a city really become so lazy that standing is that big of an issue?

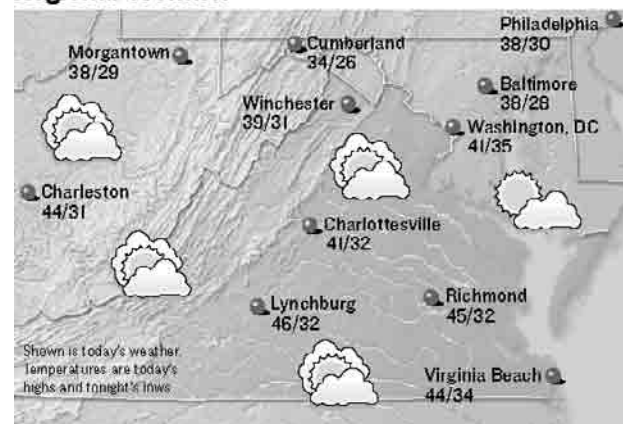
—KELLY CROWN
Temple Hills, Md.

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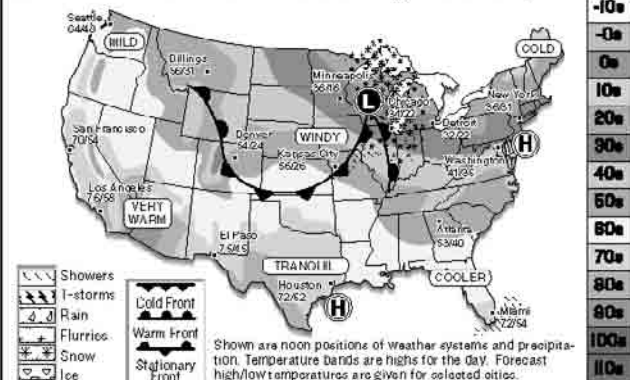
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, milder. High 41. Wind northwest to southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, increasingly cloudy. Low 35. Wind south 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:10 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:48 a.m.
Moonset today	6:44 p.m.



National Weather for Thursday, March 10



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	53/40/pc	60/35/pc
Boston	35/26/s	38/31/sn
Chicago	34/22/sn	32/16/sf
Dallas	72/44/pc	70/47/pc
Denver	54/24/pc	64/34/s
Honolulu	79/67/pc	80/69/pc
Los Angeles	76/58/pc	80/58/s
Miami	72/54/pc	74/55/pc
New York City	36/31/e	42/32/en
Orlando	68/48/sh	72/48/pc
Seattle	64/48/pc	60/44/sh

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	43/40/pc	46/38/r
Athens	50/38/sh	40/33/s
Berlin	32/23/c	38/24/sn
Buenos Aires	84/64/s	84/64/s
Calgary	53/35/s	44/25/r
Dublin	50/38/pc	48/35/pc
Geneva	41/27/c	44/30/pc
Moscow	22/7/sn	16/1/sn
Rome	52/24/s	48/39/s
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People

FAULT

We Blame Paris for All This

Backstreet Boy **NICK CARTER** was charged Tuesday with drunken driving in Huntington Beach, Calif., prosecutors said. Carter faces one count of driving under the influence and one count of driving with a blood alcohol level above 0.08. He's scheduled to appear for an April 13 arraignment, but could send his attorney instead because the charges are misdemeanors. (AP)



HOT DEALS

Two Blondes and a Book

TINA BROWN, former editor of the New Yorker, signed a deal with Random House to write a book about Diana, Princess of Wales, the publisher announced Wednesday. A spokeswoman declined to comment on reports that the deal is worth \$2 million, Reuters reported. The book is slated to come out in 2007, coinciding with the 10th anniversary of Diana's death. (EXPRESS)



Tina's piercing green-eyed gaze will shoot rays of insight into Diana's story.



PETER MORGAN/REUTERS

RECONCILIATIONS

Kiss and Make Up

Rappers **50 CENT** and former protege **THE GAME** are calling a truce, a week after a bitter feud broke out between them. A member of The Game's crew was wounded during a shooting outside a New York hip-hop radio station, where 50 Cent was on the air, announcing that he was kicking him out of his G-Unit clique. (Police are still investigating.) The reconciled pair will donate money to the Harlem Boys Choir and Compton Unified School District Music Program. (AP)

TARGETS

We Feel Less Culturally Stable Just Reading This

RUSSELL CROWE says Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terror network wanted to kidnap him as part of a "cultural destabilization plot," according to the Australian edi-

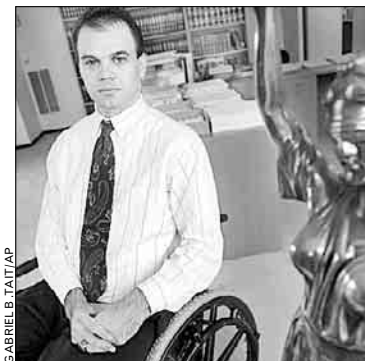
tion of GQ. In an interview published in the March issue, Crowe said FBI agents told him of the threat in 2001, in the months before he won a best actor Oscar for his role as Maximus



HEROES

This Man Filed a Lawsuit — And Didn't Want Money!

A quadriplegic attorney settled his lawsuit against producers of NBC's "The Apprentice" after they agreed to make clear the program accepts applications from people who are disabled. St. Louis-based **JAMES SCHOTTEL JR.**, whose federal lawsuit claimed the show's online application was discriminatory in requiring "excellent physical" health of would-be contestants, said Wednesday that producers agreed to insert a sentence into the show's rules encouraging people with disabilities to try out. "I think that's satisfacto-



Suing "The Apprentice" is something every young lawyer should consider.

ry," Schottel said. "I'm still a fan of the show." Schottel never sought monetary damages. (AP)

CHARGES

She Won't and Didn't Back Down

ROSARIO DAWSON says she will fight disorderly conduct and obstruction charges stemming from her arrest in New York during the GOP convention. She was filming "This Revolution" near the convention; police say she refused to move when ordered. When director Steven Marshall tried to show his city film permit to police, they were arrested. Dawson refutes the claim that she refused to move. A criminal court judge Tuesday denied Dawson's request to dismiss the charges. (AP)

Rosario may look sweet and innocent, but she has the fiery soul of a true fighter.



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1969

On March 10, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea); also, in 1965, Neil Simon's play "The Odd Couple" opened on Broadway.

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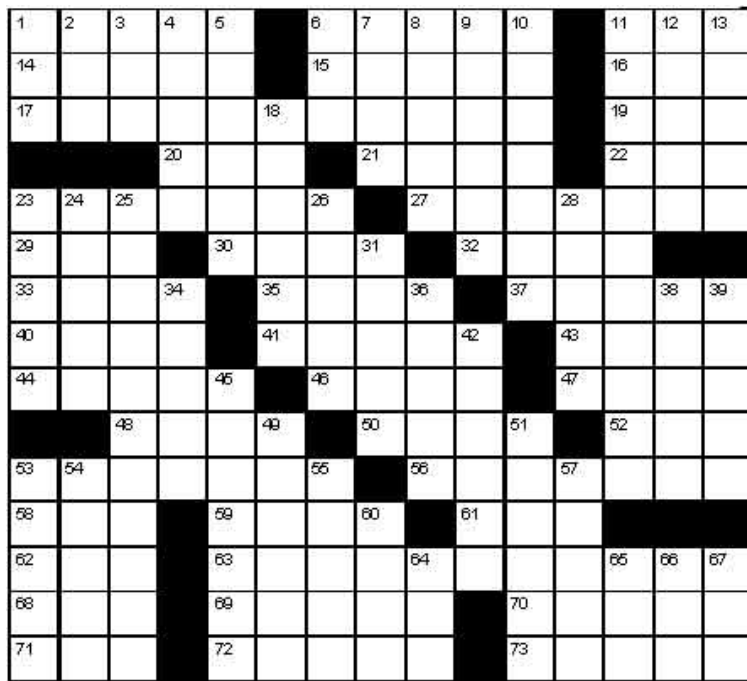
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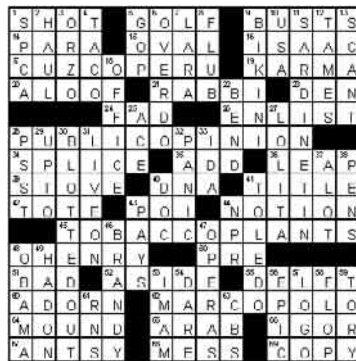
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Yesterday's Solution



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Political infighting is not for you. You'll want to go about your business in a straightforward, uncluttered manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should be able to guide others to greater achievements while you concentrate on your own abilities as well. Accept no excuses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will want to be the first to push yourself in a new direction. Then, you can happily solicit advice from others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have the sneaking feeling, upon waking, that something isn't right and indeed you'll not be mistaken. You can make all well, however, by day's end.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A sampling of activities will prove to you once and for all that you are not yet on the perfect path. You are at least one discovery short.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A cryptic message comes your way, and you'll work hard to discern just how it applies to you. Don't avoid others, however.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A separation of sorts is in store for you not so you will be miserable, but so you can discover something you'll need to know in short order.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A good friend comes to you with an important griev-

ance illuminating at last a certain tension you've been trying hard to understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll be playing more than one role, but don't make the mistake of taking things to extremes. Remember, at all times, who you are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Though your technical expertise may be somewhat lacking, you can trust in inspiration and intuition to see you through when things get complicated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll find yourself in a position that allows you to call the shots. Consider the needs of all those around you including your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll have reason to be honest with a friend or loved one about an upcoming event you may not be ready for. Share your concerns.



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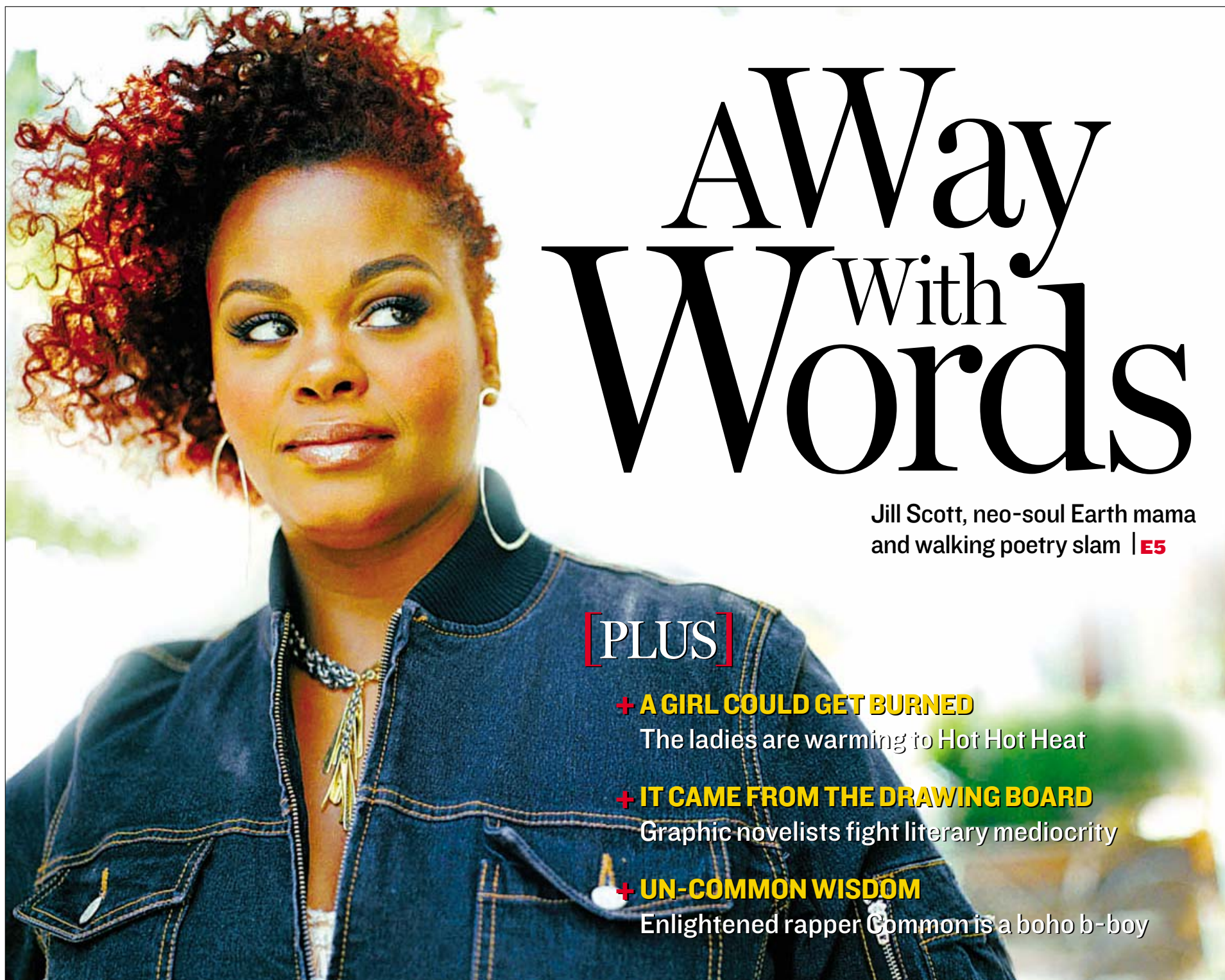
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[on the]spot*

***NAME:** Dana Tai Soon Burgess
GIG: Founder of Dana Tai Soon Burgess Dance Company

On March 11, **DANA TAI SOON BURGESS** will lead his award-winning dance company on a trip to Riga, the capital of the former Soviet republic of Latvia. There, thanks to support from Art Link and the U.S. Department of State, the locally based group will perform for a city that was once home to composer Richard Wagner and saw the beginnings of Mikhail Baryshnikov's dancing career.

Why Latvia?

We were invited to be the main modern dance company to represent the United States in their first modern dance festival.

How did the invitation come about?
We were in performance at the

Kennedy Center in 2003 and the curator of the [Riga] Opera House [where the group is slated to perform] happened to be in the audience. She contacted us and asked if we would come and perform at their new contemporary space. Our company is actually Asian-American in focus and a lot of times people don't realize the diversity of our country and [to them] having a unique perspective like ours, coming from America, is really exciting.

Is your performance in Latvia going to feature new material?

It's two repertory pieces and then a brand-new work which has been created and dedicated to Latvia called "Sarjuta" which is a word that means a sixth sense.

The major work that we're taking to Latvia is based on my family's immigration to Hawaii in 1903; they were part of the first [wave of]



MARY NOBLE OURS

"The curator said ... no one [in Latvia] had seen our aesthetic before in modern dance."

Korean-American [immigrants] to arrive a little over 100 years ago.

What will they make of that?

I think the reception will be very good. The curator said she specifically chose us because no one there has seen our aesthetic before in modern dance.

What do you expect to see?

I think that we'll get a real cross-section of seeing the performing arts of that part of Eastern Europe.

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MUSIC | Ah, the velveteen touch of a dandy fop.

Steve Bays, singer of Hot Hot Heat, has that nasal whine that makes you go, "Wait, does the Cure have a new album?" Plus, his hair is almost as big as Robert Smith's.

Happily, the resemblance doesn't extend to eyeliner or bangles. He and his bandmates stick to the emo-boy-posing-as-metrosexual look that makes the girls all gooey. And makes those girls' boyfriends insecure.

They should be. Hot Hot Heat has the talent to back up the looks — and it will be on display Friday at the 9:30 Club. The band's sin-



HUMMABILITY: HHH reworks only the catchiest impulses of of '80s new wave.

gle, "Bandages," was *the* high-carb staple of modern rock radio circa 2003. Either sexy or disturbing (perhaps both?), the chorus of "Bandages on my legs and my arms from you" became that giddy song that stuck in crania worldwide.

Hot Hot Heat's new single, "Goodnight Goodnight" (from the band's forthcoming major label debut, "Elevator," due in early April from Warner Bros./Reprise), will no doubt inspire many a shrieky feminine freakout.

A mix of Specials-style ska, a pounding beat and bouncy, hummable melodies, it seems destined to become the band's show-closer.

Wisely, HHH draws from the catchiest era of '80s new wave, the one which produced the likes of Fun Boy Three, Bow Wow Wow, Bananarama and other good-time Charlies with an overabundance of hair. The key difference now being eminent danceability.

To the band's credit, it does eschew such obvious ploys as the wearing of skinny ties or the coping of a 128 bpm disco beat (the trap that snapped on peers Radio 4 and the Rapture).

While Hot Hot Heat isn't reinventing rock, at least it smartly blends its influences, skipping between infatuations in search of a keeper. Boyfriends, beware.

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MUSIC | Bebop may live on, but sadly, most of its principal architects are gone. Thankfully, indefatigable drummer and bandleader Roy Haynes still carries the torch for the musicians of his era.

Haynes joined Charlie "Bird" Parker's band as a teenager in 1949. Since then, he's played with a virtual who-who's of jazz legends from Sarah Vaughan to Pat Metheny, making noteworthy contributions to almost every stylistic idiom within the jazz canon.

This weekend, on March 13, Haynes turns 80. But his alert percussion and sizzling improvisations suggest someone half his age. Probably one of the reasons why his playing stays so youthful and modern is that he surrounds himself with bold, aggressive musicians



JIM COOPER/AP

WATER MUSIC: Christian McBride plays with Roy Haynes and Kenny Garrett.

several generations his junior.

Such is the case with his Birds of a Feather ensemble, which features Christian McBride's sinewy bass propulsions and Kenny Garrett's scalding hot alto saxophone exorcisms. Together, they'll salute Haynes' mentor, Parker, concluding the Kennedy Center's three-part series, "Beyond Bebop: Jazz in the 1940s."

And if Haynes brings just an ounce of the incessant ingenuity and joyous fire he poured into his 2001 masterstroke, "Birds of a Feather" (on Dreyfus Records), this concert will only add another layer to his reputation as one of jazz's most inexorable forces. JOHN MURPH

Kennedy Center, 2700 F. St. NW, Sat., March 12, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., \$30; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

The Mouse That Got Old

Mickey celebrates his 75th (again) with the help of experts

FAMILY | It's time for the singing mermaids and dancing lions to step back and honor the mouse that got the whole thing started.

We mean Mickey, of course — he of the giant ears, skinny tail and squeaky voice. The National Museum of Natural History is celebrating his 75th birthday on Saturday with a multimedia presentation on his "life."

Technically, the celebration is a little late: Mickey is 76. He debuted in the synchronized-sound car-



Mickey throws himself a party at Euro Disney, complete with cake and bakers.

toon "Steamboat Willie" on Nov. 18, 1928.

Through video clips, live animation and plain old history, pop cul-

ture expert Neal Gabler and Disney animator Andreas Deja discuss the phenomenon that is the mouse.

The duo will explore Mickey's life and popularity and even answer age-old questions, such as whether Mickey and Minnie ever tied the knot. With any luck, they'll also explain why he has only four fingers on each hand.

Gabler may be able to share particular insight, as he is currently chronicling Disney for a new book, "The World's Most Famous Mouse." ERIN O'CONNOR

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RHYMES AND REASONS: Scott's penchant for poetry and schoolteacher background helped, but her success in neo-soul is something her music earned.

Slammin' Poetry

Jill Scott is a woman of many beautiful words

MUSIC | When performance poetry collides with pop, the results are often peculiar, perplexing or just plain dire. Think of Ken Nordine's "Colors," William Shatner's "The Transformed Man" or the whole dad-blamed career of Patti Smith.

But when Roots drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson discovered Jill Scott at a Philadelphia poetry reading and suggested she drop by the studio, they beat the odds.

Erykah Badu and the Roots soon scored a hit with a Roots/Scott composition, "You Got Me." And when Scott took her song back on a

live Roots album, the foundation was laid for a career in neo-soul. By 2000, when a debut disc asked the musical question "Who Is Jill Scott?," folks were ready to find out.

What they discovered was an earthy purveyor of down-tempo story songs and meditations on food, shopping, sex and the vicissitudes of love. Scott's style and attitude were unique, but the words frequently got the better of the music, and the schoolteacher she used to be sometimes got in the way.

Flash forward to 2005. Scott has grown up,

gained confidence and been to the school of Minnie Riperton and Frankie Beverly. She's won a Grammy for Best Urban/Alternative Performance with "Cross My Mind," a sultry reminiscence of the way it was with the right wrong guy.

On "Beautifully Human: Words and Sounds Vol. 2," the album that cut was taken from, Scott comes into her own. Singing flows seamlessly into spoken word and back. Her composite portrait of an ill-fated drug dealer, "Rasool," hits hard and her cinematic "Family Reunion" unspools like an Orson Welles tracking shot. She has that Marvin "fish full of mercury" Gaye way of getting away with a lyric that would collapse in lesser hands, whether talking about lemon cake and potato salad or the spider on her ceiling.

What concertgoers want to know is whether Scott can bring it live. But Washington already knows the answer to that one. Her 2001 release "Experience: Jill Scott 826+" found a D.C. audience in the palm of her hand.

This week, Scott stops at Constitution Hall. If you missed Wednesday's show, there's still a chance for Thursday. She isn't calling it the Big Beautiful Tour for nothing. **GLENN DIXON**

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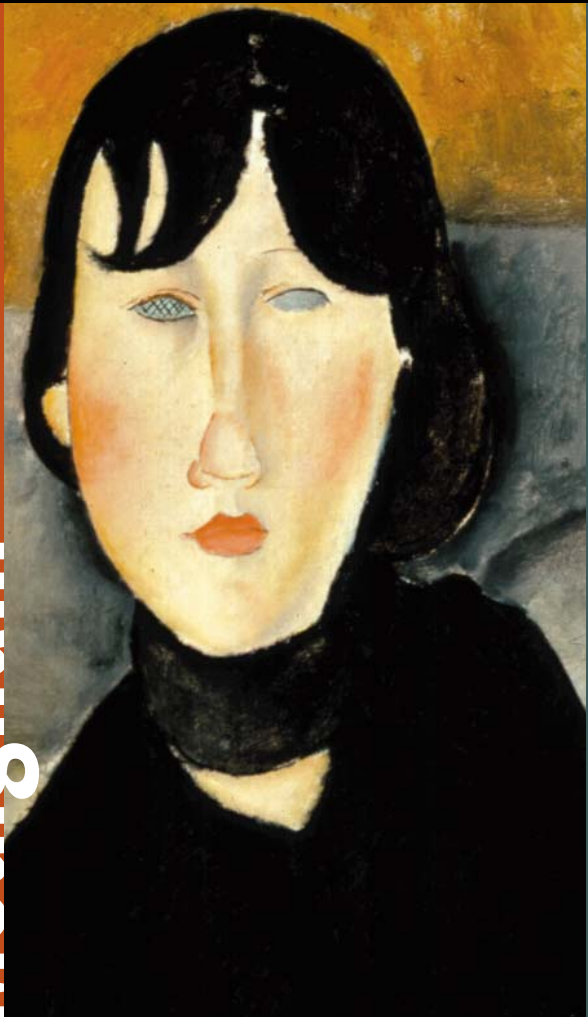
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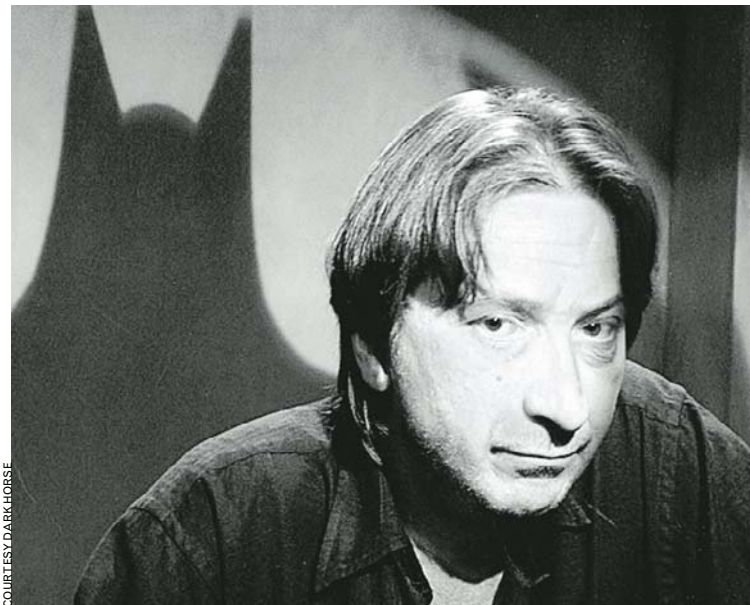
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A cadre of innovative graphic novelists discuss their craft

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The hugely influential Miller makes a Washington appearance Sunday afternoon at the Smithsonian's Meyer Auditorium for a "Meet the Graphic Novelists" event. Joining Miller in the panel discussion will be Paul Pope ("Heavy Liquid"), longtime publisher Terry Nantier and moderator Calvin Reid of Publisher's Weekly.

Miller's mammoth popularity in the world of comic books extends to Hollywood, and his latest project is a whopper — a tinsel town re-working of "Sin City," set to hit theaters April 1. It's directed by Richard Rodriguez with a heavyweight cast including Bruce Willis, Benicio Del Toro and Rosario Dawson.



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GENUINE MILLER: Frank Miller revolutionized the tights-and-fights comics form.

"Frank Miller's *Sin City*" mirrors Miller's darkly tinged books so closely, he's receiving an extraordinary co-director credit for the film. Miller's work has always been cinematic in its scope — and he's no stranger to the cinema. He penned a pair of "Robocop" flick sequels and his comics inspired Jennifer Garner's recent dud "Elektra."

The Smithsonian event was to include pioneering graphic novel-

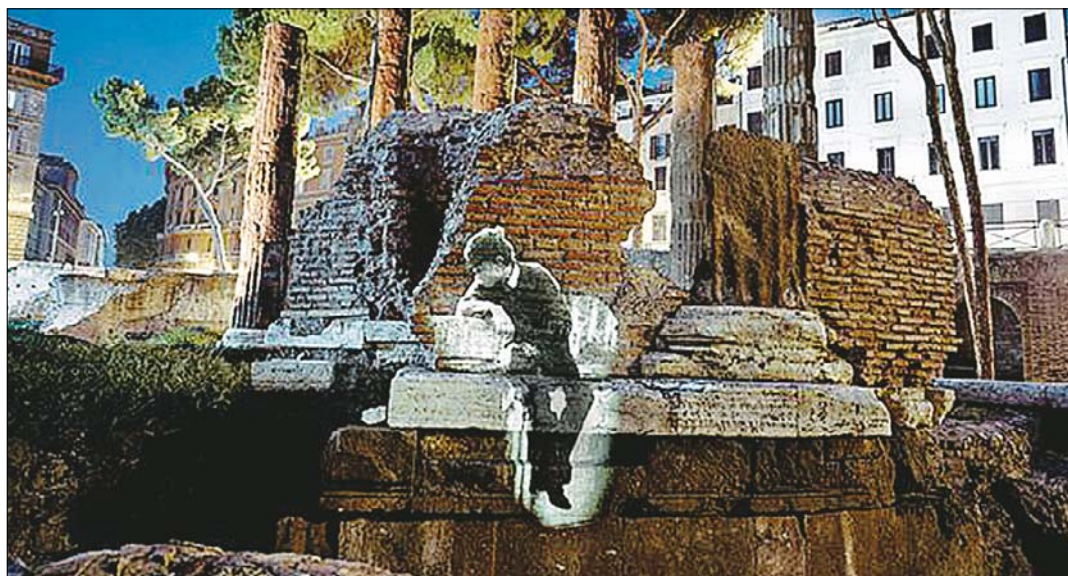
ist Will Eisner, but he passed away in January at the age of 87.

Although Eisner and Miller won't share the stage on Sunday, you can read their intriguing conversations in the forthcoming interview book "Eisner/Miller" (Dark Horse).

CRAIG SMITH

Freer Gallery; Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; Sun., March 13, 2 p.m., \$30, \$20 students, \$15 members; 202-252-0012. (Smithsonian)

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CHRISTOPHE POULENC

WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS: In his photographic series "The History of Another," Shimon Attie takes archival black-and-white photographs of Jews who lived in Rome in the early 20th century and places them against images of the classical Roman ruins that look so poetic to modern eyes. A commentary on the strength of civilizations and what it means to be an outsider, the show is at Numark Gallery through April 9. 625 • 27 E St. NW; 202-628-3810.

TopStops

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Tolcher turned to music after his dreams of being an Olympian died.

Father Figure: Michael Tolcher

Not many musicians write earthy pop with an urban edge thanks to the influence of Tupac's father, Dr. Mutulu Shakur. But Michael Tolcher is no ordinary musician.

State Theatre, 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; with Ingram Hill, Sun., March 13, 8:30 p.m., \$15:50; 800-551-7328. (East Falls Church)

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The Natural World

A film festival looks at the environment's dangers and delights

FILM | Of all the crunchy, guilt-inducing, well-meaning titles out there, "Environmental Film Festival" seems to promise the least amount of fun.

But local film fans know that the Environmental Film Festival, a D.C. institution, is one of the most lively, engaging and eye-opening cinematic showcases in this festival-rich city. For one thing, any talk of healthy soil and water leads directly to talk of food, and this year's fest puts a particular emphasis on gustatory pleasures.

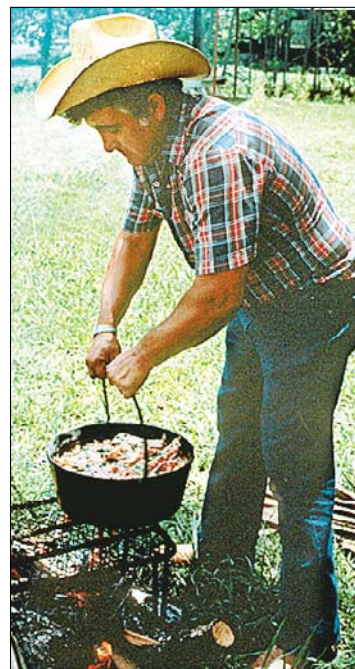
For young tree-huggers, there's "Tasty Toons," an international program of animation for children featuring a look at bio-enhanced



DELICIOUS AND NUTRITIOUS: From "Garlic Is as Good as Ten Mothers."

super-corn, a sort of semi-edible "Hulk"; the story of a little boy on the hunt for a treat; and the comic struggle of an organic gardener against an invading army of hungry snails.

Grown-ups will be just as satisfied by a brief look back at the ravenous career of documentar-



IS IT GUMBO YET? A Louisiana cook wrangles some bayou cuisine in "Yum."

ian Les Blank, whose delicious 1980 film "Garlic Is as Good as Ten Mothers" and the 1990 short "Yum Yum Yum," an exploration of the flavors and folklore of Creole and Cajun cuisines, remind viewers that a healthy planet is one that yields sensual delight.

Also on the menu: various sketches of the natural world, from butterflies to coral reefs to bears; a special emphasis on the shortage of clean, accessible water, and seldom-screened international entries such as "Henri Cartier-Bresson: The Impassioned Eye," "Werner Herzog Eats His Shoe" and the Oscar-winning documentary "Chernobyl Heart."

Over the festival's 10 days there will also be special guest speakers, including some filmmakers as well as scientists and educators, and discussion panels to talk about the subjects raised in the films.

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Various sites, through March 20; see www.dcenvironmentalfilmfest.org for screenings and schedules.

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What Becomes a Legend Most?

Ian MacKaye's still making music, and a difference, in D.C.

MUSIC | Ian MacKaye's a local musician who requires less introduction than any other. Friday night he's playing a show with longtime partner Amy Farina in a band the duo call the Evens. This performance marks the release of their self-titled debut album.

OK, fine — a *little* introduction, then. MacKaye once fronted the great punk band Minor Threat, then he subsequently sang and played guitar in the great post-punk band Fugazi, still a monumentally influential outfit MacKaye kept viable and challenging for 17 years.

Behind the scenes, MacKaye has produced a number of bands, while his multi-platinum independent record label, Dischord, has documented the District's music scene



EQUILIBRIUM: Ian and Amy get the balance right in their band, the Evens.

for a quarter-century.

And the 21st century MacKaye shows no signs of slowing down.

At their best, the Evens, with MacKaye on the mic and baritone guitar, evoke pop-era Minor Threat — but are substantially quieter and less aggressive. Sometimes their music lacks a driving melody and instead meanders a bit, but the result's still pretty.

Farina often handles or harmonizes on the Evens' vocals, occasion-

ally pushing the band far closer to Liz Phair's alluring territory than one would expect from the director of discord, to coin a phrase.

Friday's show is a benefit for Positive Force D.C. — part of the 20th anniversary celebration for the punk activist collective founded to engage local youth in positive change.

MacKaye still does more for the cause than anyone, even if his music has mellowed. **TIM FOLLOS**

St. Stephen's Church, 16th and Newton streets NW; Fri., March 11, 7 p.m., \$5; 703-276-9768. (Columbia Heights)

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Saturday, March 12 at 8pm

In *Sleeping Beauty*, Susan Marshall addresses themes of separation, isolation, and transformation. *Other Stories* is a collection of intimate, emotional dances that explore the multiple forces that define our complicated lives.

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THE CHIEFTAINS

Tuesday, March 15 at 8pm

The Chieftains' magical blend of pipes, fiddles, drums, and vocals will transport you to the spirited taverns of Ireland, where the country's musical traditions first began. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with The Chieftains!

Kennedy Center Concert Hall Tickets \$30-\$75

This performance is generously underwritten by The Sweely Family Foundation.

KODO DRUMMERS

Friday, March 18 at 8pm

Two dozen Japanese musicians man their taiko drums, fues, and shamisens in a performance that will satisfy your primordial senses. "Clad in sweatbands and loincloths, they are like percussionist kamikazes," wrote *The Village Voice*.

DAR Constitution Hall Tickets \$30.75-\$55.75
Tickets available exclusively through Ticketmaster.
Visit ticketmaster.com or call (202) 397-SEAT (7328).

A **CULTURE VULTURES** party for young professionals follows this performance at Eyebear, located at 1716 I Street, NW. Visit wpas.org for details.

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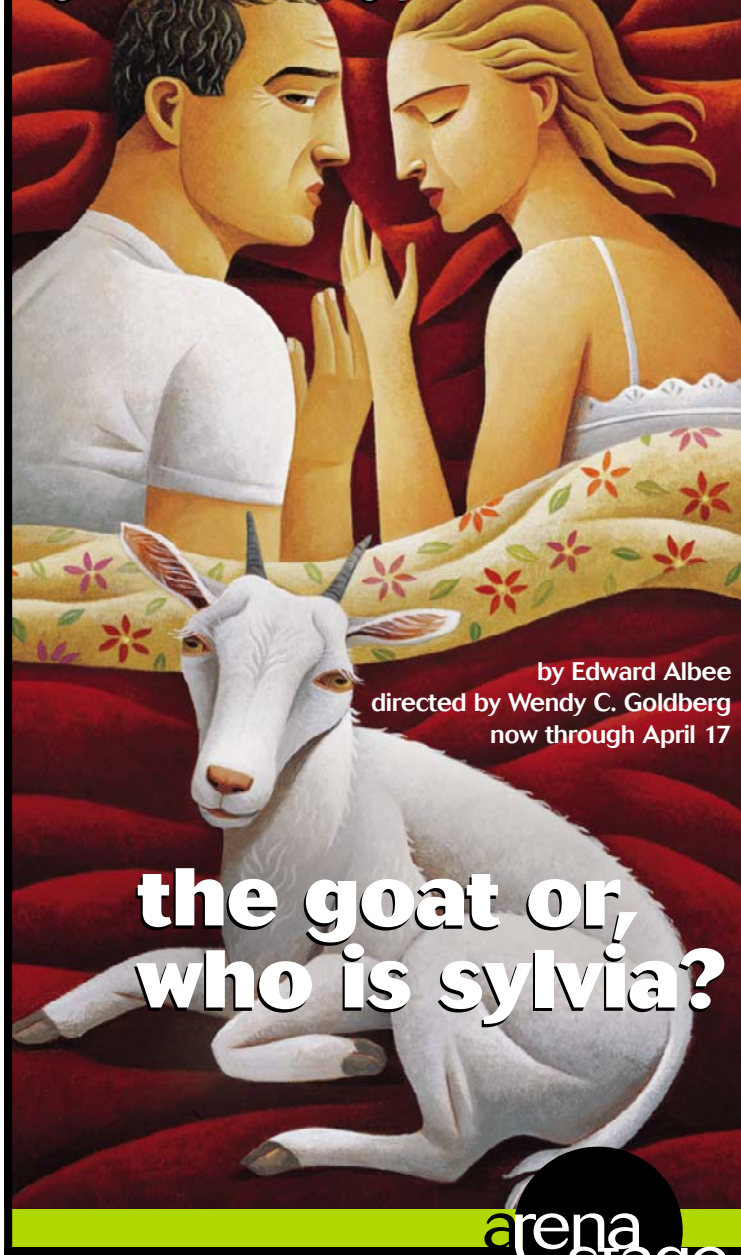
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A scene from Black Light Theatre's compelling, bizarre "Fantasy Travelers."

Tweaking the Looking Glass: 'Alice & Gulliver'

Black Light Theatre of Prague combines dance, pantomime and modern theater into a unique storytelling synthesis. "Fantasy Travelers: Alice & Gulliver" is one of the Theatre's lyrical shows.

George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; Sun., March 13, 7 p.m., \$17-\$34; 703-218-6500.

Big Government: 'Boss Tweed' Author

There's nothing more fun that corrupt, larger-than-life mountebanks. Ken Ackerman wrote the book, literally, on the infamous New York influence-peddler "Boss Tweed," and comes to another, uh, politically sensitive city to discuss it.

Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., March 12, 6 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

Squirming Like a Toad

As long as there's a Soft Parade, the Doors will never die

MUSIC | Once upon a time, there was a king — a brave and mysterious Lizard King.

He was a sage, a seer, a shaman. A graduate of Alexandria's George Washington High School, Class of '61. His edicts echoed throughout

the land: "Break on through to the other side," "No one here gets out alive," "Eat your pork and beans."

All was darkly groovy until one fateful day when the Lizard King tarried too long in the bath, ushering in the age of Doors tribute bands: Crystal Ship, Peace Frog, L.A. Doors, the Matrix Doors.

Saturday, the act named after the lamest Doors album, "The Soft Parade," wriggles and howls

its way onto the stage of the State Theatre.

Now, the most famous Doors tribute band is the one that has actual Doors in it: keyboardist Ray Manzarek and guitarist Robby Krieger. They call themselves the Doors of the 21st Century. But they aren't touring right now. Besides, they seem to think it better that Jim Morrison stand-in Ian Astbury be allowed to do his own thing.



'AN ACTOR OUT ON LOAN': Joe Russo is Jim Morrison, minus the exposure.

The Soft Parade's Joe Russo doesn't do his own thing. He does Jim's thing. That means leather pants, tambourine, shaggy hair, evil glare — everything except exposing himself in Miami.

According to the band's Web site, "Seeing the Soft Parade is like reliving the legendary concerts Jim Morrison and the Doors performed over 20 years ago."

How about the ones from, say, 35 years ago? They were livelier.

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State Theatre, 220 N. Washington, Falls Church; Sat., Mar. 12, 9 p.m., \$13; 703-237-0300. (East Falls Church)

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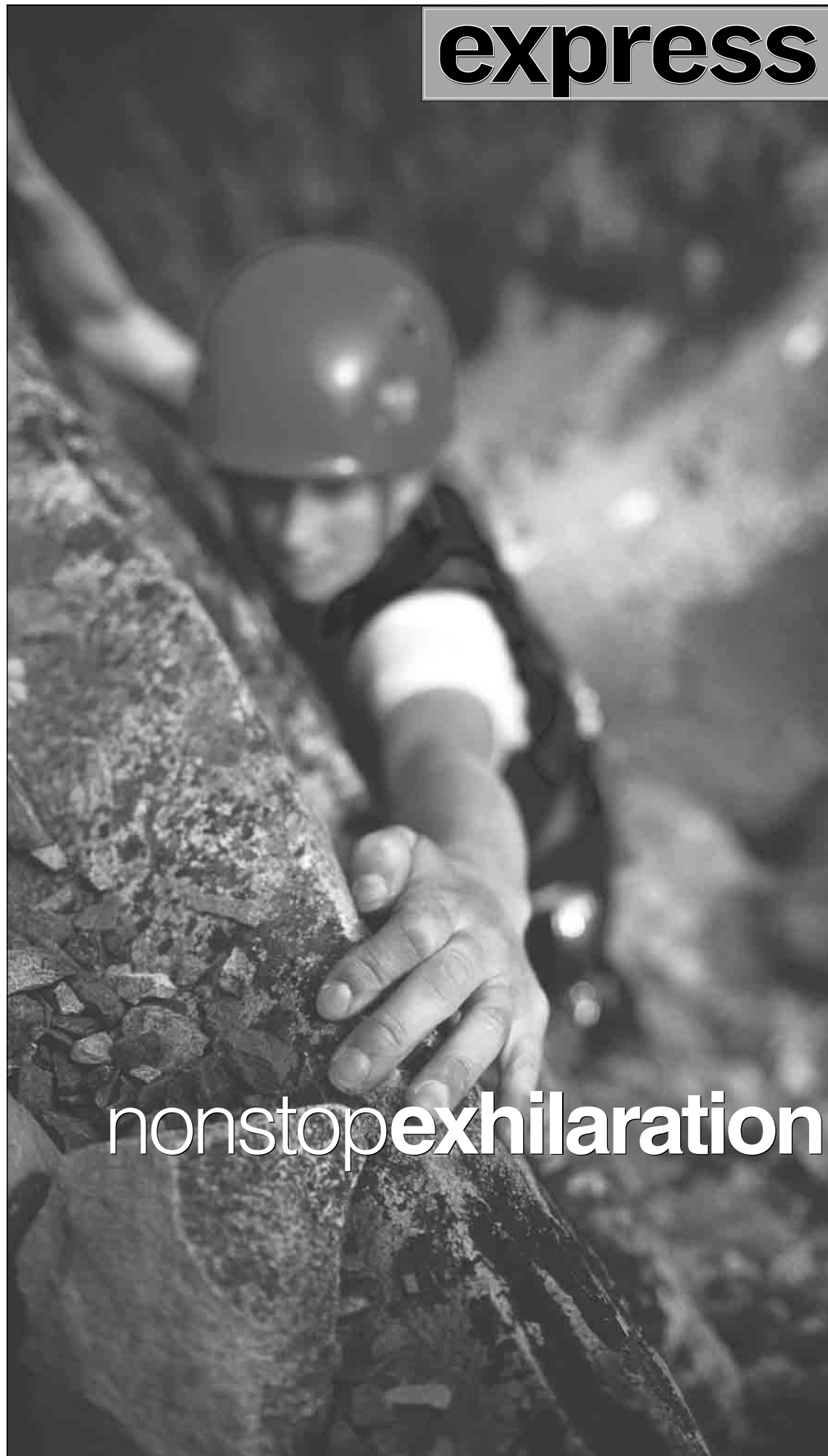
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EXTRA TEXTURE: The Chicago artist's scarves and organic flow rocked rap.

From Hippie To Hip-Hop

Common is a rapper, but his influences are wide and deep

MUSIC | Common is one of hip-hop's most thought-provoking microphone wielders. But to the surprise of many, the MC's last album, 2002's aptly titled "Electric Circus," was more boho than b-boy.

The native Chicagoan, who hits *Dream* on Friday night, sent shockwaves through rap's traditionalist backpacker set merely with his wardrobe, rife as it was with colorful knit caps and scarves.

Venturing even further out of the box, the album's amorous single ("Come Close") featured a video in which Common grinned incessantly and serenaded a lady with Velveeta-like verses of love.

While many embraced such a surprising eclectic mix, others longed for Common to return to more straight-ahead, heady hip-hop fare. Common addressed the drama last year with a heavyweight verse on Jadakiss's "Why?" remix asking, "Why you worried about my clothes, if my flow gonna change the world?"

Common's forthcoming disc is titled "Be" and marks a b-boy evolution. After exploring hip-hop's outer realm, he's firmly back on the block. Kanye West will helm much of the disc, including the current thumper "The Corner," featuring rap forerunners the Last Poets. So put away that patchouli oil and prepare for that ol' boom bap. **CRAIG SMITH**

Dream; 1350 Okie St. NE; Fri., March 11, 9 p.m.; \$20; 800-551-7328.

Dream Weaver

An action hero talks about family, sequels and aging gracefully

MATURITY | In her newest film, "Imaginary Heroes," Sigourney Weaver plays a caustic, nicotine-addicted suburban mother engaged in a nasty feud with her next-door neighbor and hiding enough skeletons in her closet to make the Desperate Housewives blush.

Her college-age daughter almost never visits. Her younger son is intelligent but extremely shy. And her husband's sole obsession is their older son, a promising high school athlete. Then tragedy turns everything topsy-turvy.

Weaver, 54, said her character, Sandy, is "a raw person," someone who has kept a lid on herself for a long time. "She's closed down and [the tragic event] kind of gives her a whole new perspective."

Sandy becomes more fearless



CLOSED DOWN: Weaver as a bereaved mother with Emile Hirsch in "Heroes."

and at the same time more reckless, which sets up some humorous moments. Eventually she deals with her long-buried feelings toward her neighbor.

As a parent Weaver could relate to some of Sandy's instincts, particularly the way she tries to protect her younger son. "I haven't had to go quite as far as Sandy, but I would if I had to," she said. "When people are unfair to your children, it really

is a very primal response and you have to kind of try not to be quite so primal about it."

Weaver is best known for the "Alien" series. She last played Ripley in 1997's Ridley Scott film "Alien: Resurrection" and she is open to a fifth and final installment. "Ridley and I have talked about doing one more where we go back to the original planet and see what these creatures came out of," she said.

She's not optimistic, though, that the studio would be receptive to a middle-aged female action hero.

"It just seems to me a good character is a good character and integrity is integrity and courage is courage and it has nothing to do with sex," she said. "I'm frustrated by the fact that today's female action heroes are still in these ludicrous costumes. It should be nothing for us to have women in charge. But then I thought we'd have a woman president by now." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



GUN CRAZY: The 54-year-old actress doesn't bemoan the dearth of good roles for middle-aged women, but she wishes there were more female action stars.

Indies & Arties

→ Independent Film Festival

The second annual D.C. festival of independent film from the U.S. and abroad. City Museum of Washington, through March 13, 202-383-1850 or www.dciff.com.

→ All the Rage: The Films of Martin Scorsese

The great American director awaits his overdue Oscar; in the meantime there's this tribute. Friday it's "Goodfellas"; Saturday "Goodfellas" and "The Last Temptation of Christ"; Sunday "The Age of Innocence," "Goodfellas" and "Casino." AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.

→ Days of Future Passed: The Films of Wong Kar-Wai

The festival of the Hong Kong filmmaker continues with Thursday screenings of "Happy Together"; "In the Mood for Love" and "Buenos



One of the feathered friends in Judy Irving's documentary "Wild Parrots."

Aires Zero Degree." AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6700.

→ The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill

Judy Irving's documentary about a street musician who befriends a society of birds. E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; opens Friday; 202-452-7672.

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 The Pacifier

There's nothing endearing about the wooden Vin Diesel dealing with baby vomit and petulant teens as a Navy SEAL hired to protect a family. (DESSON THOMSON)

2 Be Cool

John Travolta fails to re-evolve the "Get Shorty" spirit here; everything enjoyable and edgy about the previous film is here an overwrought mess. (DESSON THOMSON)

3 Hitch

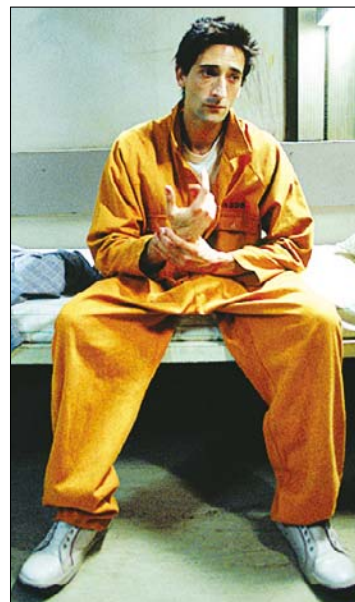
Will Smith has enough smarts to laugh at himself playing a successful "date doctor." The film works best with Smith and Kevin James having a blast. (SEAN DALY)

4 Diary of a Mad Black Woman

Three not-very-good movies in one, none wide enough to contain the scenery chewing. (MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN)

5 Million Dollar Baby

The film's heart lies in the core relationships among the characters — so pure, so genuine, so authentic. (ANN HORNBADY)



Adrien Brody stars as Jack Starks in the underachieving thriller "The Jacket."

6 Constantine

It has some great visual passages, but the screenplay is uninvolved. Still, Keanu Reeves as the titular tormented demon-buster is endearing for his off-handedness. (DESSON THOMSON)

7 Cursed

Orphaned siblings face the possibility of their own werewolfism while the beast itself chases them. Wes Craven should know better. (STEPHEN HUNTER)

8 Man of the House

Tommy Lee Jones has perfect comic timing as a Texas Ranger who has to protect cheerleaders, but the movie's many personalities grow tiresome. (STEPHEN HUNTER)

9 Because of Winn-Dixie

Wayne Wang takes the classic Disney story of a girl and her dog and transforms it into a homespun celebration of eccentricity. (DESSON THOMSON)

10 The Jacket

Psychiatric patient Jack Starks is stuck in a temporal netherworld; it all would be fascinating if the plot wasn't so derivative. (DESSON THOMSON)

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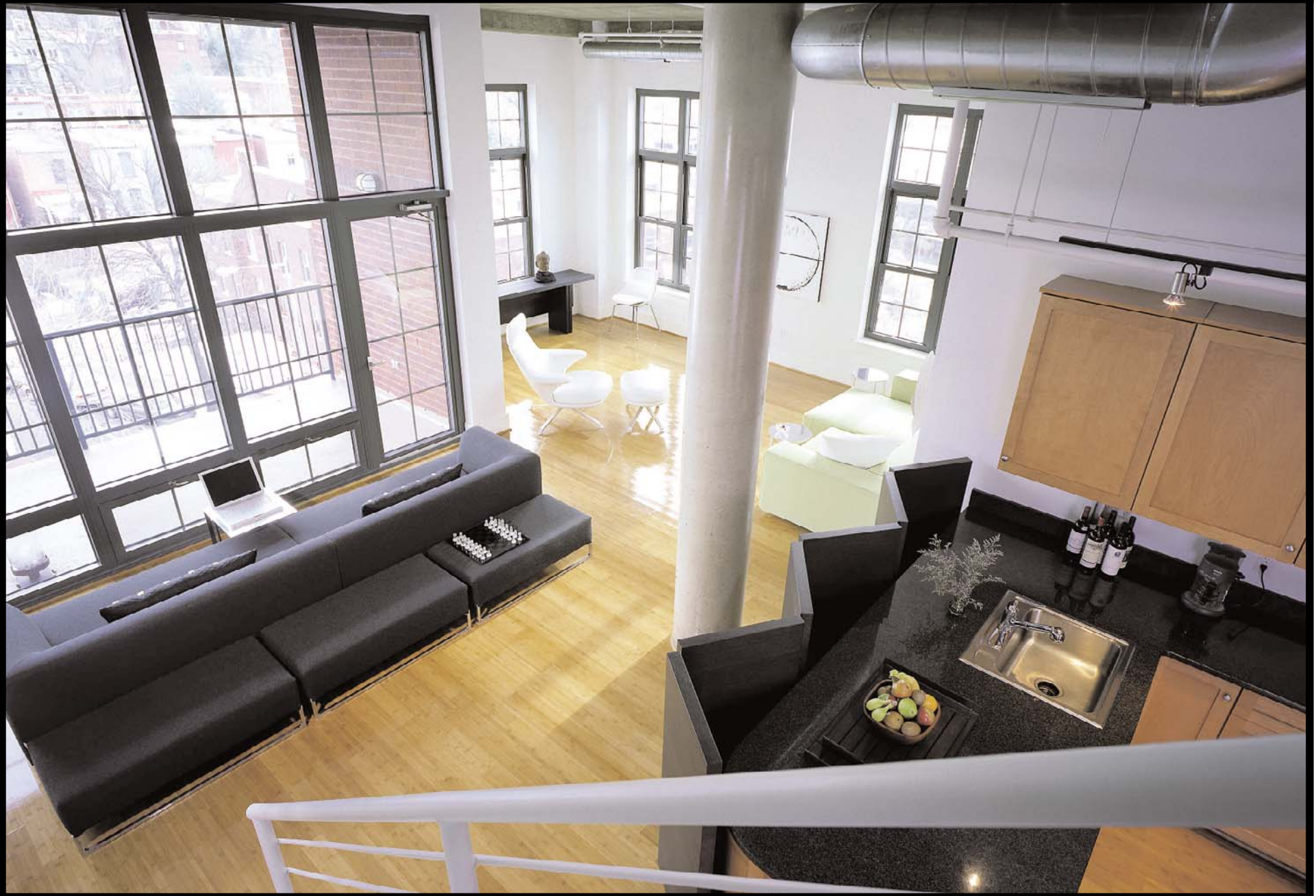
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Apex: Thu., College Night, 9 p.m., \$5, free to students; Fri., DJ Timothy Mykael, 9 p.m., \$8; Sat., Liquid Ladies, 9 p.m., \$8. 415 22nd St. NW; 202-296-0505.

Black Cat: Thu., Ash, The Bravery, The Crimea, 8:30 p.m., \$13; Fri., The Shake-downs, The Goons, The Ready Steady, 9:30 p.m., \$7; Sat., Stephen Hawking's Funky Time Machine, 9:30 p.m., free; Sun., Menomena, Pit Er Pat, 9 p.m., \$7. 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960.

Blues Alley: Thu., Steve Smith & Buddy's Buddies feat. Steve Marcus, 8 & 10 p.m., \$20; Fri.-Sun., Marcus Johnson Project, 8 & 10 p.m., \$22. 1073 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-337-4141.

Birchmere Music Hall: Thu., Chris Botti, 7:30 & 10 p.m., \$22.50; Fri.-Sat., The Average White Band, 7:30 p.m., \$25; Sun., Rhonda Vincent, Jim Lauderdale, 7:30 p.m., \$20. 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 800-551-7328.

Club Amazon: Thu., Big G Project, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., International Fridays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Lissen Band, 11 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Flow College Night, 10 p.m., \$10. 1350I Baltimore Ave., Laurel, Md.; 301-210-3466.

Club Five: Thu., Pasion, 10 p.m., \$5; Fri., Pearl, 9 p.m., \$10; Sat., M3 Music, 10 p.m., \$10; Sun., Trade, 9 p.m., \$10. 1214-B 18th St. NW; 202-331-7123.

Crossroads: Thu., Anything Goes Thursday, 10 p.m., \$10; Fri., Escape Fridays Happy Hour, 5 p.m., free before 8 p.m.; Sat., Shabba Ranks, 9 p.m., \$25; Sun., Dancehall Sundays, 10 p.m., \$10-\$15. 4103 Baltimore Ave., Bladensburg, Md.; 301-927-1056.

DC 9: Thu., The Witnesses, Bloom, Sparks, The Bravery Afterparty, 9 p.m., \$8; Fri., Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$5; Sat., The Hint, Amy Miles, Monorail, Bang, Bang, 9 p.m., \$8; Sun., Second Sunday Swing with Andy Reid, 9 p.m., \$5. 1949 9th St. NW; 202-483-5000.

Dream: Thu., Smash Mouth, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Common, 8 p.m., \$20; Sat., Drenched (Male Fashion Show), Conga, 9 p.m., \$20. 1350 Okie St. NE; 202-636-9030.

Fur: Thu., Sex in the City, 6 p.m., \$15; Fri., Two Mundos (Fashion Show), 9:30 p.m.,

LIVE ROCK | HOLLAND MONITORS



TENNIS, ANYONE? The Dutch band Bettie Serveert, named after a hometown tennis star, was all the rage in the early '90s, bringing grit and wit to the indie scene. Then the group went away before we could even thank them. Now they're back and ready to rock your tulips off at Iota on Thursday night.

\$15; Sat., Glow, 9 p.m., \$15. 33 Patterson St. NE; 202-842-3401.

Galaxy Hut: Sat., Sprites, Joe Jack Talcum, Graham Smith; Sun., Mercy Seat, Essie Jain, all shows 9:45 p.m., free. 2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646.

H2O: Thu., Usual Suspects Happy Hour & Dance Party, 5-11 p.m., \$15; Fri., Grupo Niche Live, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., Soul Food Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$15. 800 Water St. SW; 202-484-6300.

Home: Thu., College Night, 10 p.m., \$15; Fri., The Penthouse, 9 p.m., \$15; Sat., JetSet Saturdays, 10 p.m., \$15; Sun., President's Day Extravaganza, 10 p.m., \$15. 911 F St. NW; 202-638-4663.

Iota Club & Café: Thu., Bettie Serveert, Tim Bracken, 9 p.m., \$12; Fri., Bicycle Thieves, Army of Me, The Upwelling, 9:30 p.m., \$10; Sat., Keren Ann, A Girl Called Eddie, 3 p.m., \$12; Cartel, R.P.M., Brice Woodall, 9:30 p.m., \$8; Sun., Iota Poetry Series, 6-8 p.m., free; Lianna, Wes Tucker & The Skillets, 8:30 p.m., \$10. 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340.

Jammin' Java: Thu., Ellis, The Divine Maggees, 7:30 p.m., \$10; Fri., Mary Ann Redmond, 8 p.m., \$12; Sat., The Getaway Car, Lucy Woodward, Anthony Fiocco, 8 p.m., \$10; Sun., John Novello Band, 8 p.m., \$15-\$20. 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

Jaxx: Fri., White Lion, Enuff Znuft, 7 p.m., \$15-\$20; Sat., Trivium, 6 p.m., \$10-\$17; Sun., Anberlin, Melee, 6 p.m., \$10-\$17. 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield; 703-569-5940.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Thu., The McDades; Fri., Road to Regina; Sat., Ethos; Sun., Sandip Burman Trio, all

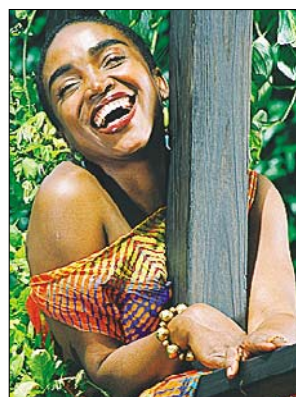
shows 6 p.m., free. 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Madam's Organ: Thu., The Johnny Artis Band, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$7; Fri., Patrick Alban & Noche Latina, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sat., Deb Callahan, 10 p.m., \$5-\$7; Sun., Nina Storey, 9 p.m., \$2-\$3. 2461 18th St. NW; 202-667-5370.

Nation: Thu., Alchemy, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Fri., Cubik, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., Velvet Nation, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sun., Pre Packaged Products, Man Speaking Chinese, Divider, Shawn Richmond, Pinky's Revenge, 5 p.m., \$5. 1015 Half St. SE; 202-554-1500.

Rams Head Tavern: Fri., Hothouse Flowers, 8:30 p.m., \$22.50; Sat., Blue Highway, The Navigators, 7 p.m., \$16.50; Sun.,

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CARIBBEAN QUEEN: Haitian vocalist Emeline Michel sings in creole and French at the VOA Auditorium on Saturday.

Average White Band, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m., \$30.25. 33 West St., Annapolis, Md., 410-268-4545.

Republic Gardens: Thu., Live Jazz Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Fri., Ol' School Happy Hour, 6 p.m., \$10; Sat., Remedy, 9 p.m., \$10. 1355 U St. NW; 202-232-2710.

Singapore Bistro: Fri., Krunk Is Back with DJs Dave Nada, Sylus & Tittsworth, 11 p.m., \$5. 1134 19th St. NW; 202-262-8950.

State Theater: Thu., Wave Aid, 8:30 p.m., \$20; Fri., Tab Benoit, 9 p.m., \$13; Sat., Soft Parade, 9 p.m., \$13; Sun., Ingram Hill, Michael Tolcher, Motive, 7:45 p.m., \$15.50. 220 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 800-551-7328.

Twins Jazz: Thu., Eric Wheeler Trio, 8 p.m., \$10; Fri. & Sat., Rodney Green, 9 & 11 p.m., \$15; Sun., Jam Session: Ron Gary Trio, 8 p.m., \$10. 1344 U St. NW; 202-234-0072.

VOA Auditorium: Sat., La Francophonie 2005: Emeline Michel, 7:30 p.m., \$23. 330 Independence Ave. SW; 202-252-0012.

Whitlow's on Wilson: Thu., Junkfood; Fri., The Sharif Band; Sat., Radio Mosaic; all shows 9:30 p.m., \$4-\$5. 2854 Wilson Blvd., Clarendon, Va.; 703-276-9693.

Wolf Trap: Thu., Martin Hayes, Dennis Cahill, 8 p.m., \$18; Fri., Nina Kotova, 8 p.m., \$30; Sun., Alasdair Fraser, Natalie Haas, 7:30 p.m., \$18. 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; 301-255-1900.

Zanzibar: Thu., After Work Dance Party, 5 p.m.; Fri., Fusion Happy Hour (5 p.m.), International Nite, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15; Sat., International Saturdays, 9 p.m., \$10-\$15. 700 Water St. NW; 202-554-9100.

SIGHT

Anacostia Museum: On Their Own: Selected Works by Self-Taught Artists. Chris Clark, Mary Proctor, Simon Jackson, Ruby Williams are some of the artists on display. The Art of Charles Smith. New Orleans artist's cast-iron sculptures. In Celebration of Black Men: The Quilt. Thirteen Washington-area African-Americans created the story quilt in 1995, through June 12. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-287-2061.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Asia in America: Views of Chinese Art From the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Art spanning 4,000 years of history, through March 20. Iraq and China: Ceramics, Trade and Innovation. Treasure and history from Iraq and China, through April 24. Cai Guo-Qiang: Traveler. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sackler Gallery, through April 24. Asian Games: The Art of the Contest. Influential games out of Asia, such as polo, chess and sumo wrestling, through May 15. 1050 Independence Ave.

SW; 202-357-4880.

The Black Rock Center of the Arts: Acrylic and Oil: Chica Brunsdold and Francisco Quintanilla. Combination exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings, through March 16. 1290I Towns Commons Drive, Germantown, Md.; 301-528-2260.

Conner Contemporary: Joe Ovelman: Snow Queen. Photographs starring the artist adrift, through March 26. Chul Hyun Ahn: New Work. Works in wood, mirrors and lights, through March 26. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: Frank Gehry, Architect: Designs for Museums. Showcases Gehry's plans for the Corcoran addition, through March 21. Figuratively Speaking: The Human Form in American Art, through May 23. Majolica: Italian Renaissance Ceramics, through July 11. 2005 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition. The Corcoran School of Art and Design's graduating class puts its work on display. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700.

Cultural Institute of Mexico: Mexican Report: Contemporary Mexican Art. A survey of artists living in Mexico, through April 22. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

Folger Shakespeare Library: Letter-Writing in Renaissance England. An overview of the early 16th- through 18th-century culture of letter-writing, through April 2. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: Fourth Annual Bethesda International Photography Competition, opens Fri., through April 6. 7700E Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651.

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Mary Lang. The D.C. debut of a New England photographer, through March 15. 1054 31st St., NW; 202-298-6450.

Freer Gallery of Art: Young Whistler: Early Prints and the French Set. Whistler's paintings, watercolors and drawings, through March 13. Luxury and Luminosity. Ming dynasty treasures including porcelain, textiles, lacquer and paintings, through June 26. Boating on a River. Role of boats in Chinese painting, through Aug. 14. Black and White, Chinese ceramics from the 10th through the 14th centuries, through Dec. 31. 12th Street and Jefferson Drive SW; 202-357-2700.

Fusebox: Valeska Soares: Notations. A mixed-media exhibition, through April 9. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

G Fine Art: Loop: curated by Christoph Cox. Explores the role of loops in audio and visual art, through March 26. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601.

Hemphill Fine Arts: Max Hirshfeld: One Shot. Large, colorful prints of ordinary people, through March 16. Eliot Elisofon: 1930s and 1940s photographs from Life

TheScene

Magazine photographer, through March 16.
1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hirshhorn Museum: Cai Guo-Qiang:

Directions. Contemporary Chinese-born artist on display at the Hirshhorn and Sackler, through April 24. Isamu Noguchi: Master Sculptor. Works by the sculptor, through May 8. Independence Avenue at 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674.

Irvine Contemporary Art: Peter

Charles. Three-dimensional works by a local artist, through April 16. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

National Building Museum: Origami

as Architecture. Showcases the traditional art of paper-folding, through March 27. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete. Recent projects displaying the material's strength and versatility, through April 17. New Designs for

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Public Space. How public space can generate urban revitalization, through May 15. Tools of the Imagination. Architects' and designers' tools, through Oct. 10. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Rembrandt's

Late Religious Portraits, from the late 1650s and early 1660s, through May 1. André Kertész. A retrospective of the photographer's 70-year-plus career, through May 15. Fauve Painting From the Permanent Collection. Bold palettes and loose brushwork from Henri Matisse and fellow Parisians, through May 30. Cotton Puffs, Q-Tips, Smoke and Mirrors: The Drawings of Ed Ruscha. Words and images from the contemporary artist, through May 30. Jan de Bray and the Classical Tradition. Works from the

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Saint Joan: A modern view of French martyr Joan of Arc by George Bernard Shaw, through March 20, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 7:30 p.m. (Sun), 2 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$15-\$39. Olney Theatre Center for the Arts,

2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400.

LAST CHANCE The Scarlet Letter: British playwright Phyllis Nagy's adaptation of the Hawthorne classic, closes Sat, 8 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), \$19.50. Casa del Pueblo, 1459 Columbia Road NW; 800-494-8497.

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Tonic: Washington Improv Theater: Fast thinkers gin up musicals at your command, through April 9. 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), \$10. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-462-7833.

LAST CHANCE Un Becoming: A play about the artist Emma Douglas, closes Sun., 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sat.), 2 p.m. (Sun.), \$13-\$15. Warehouse Theater, 1021 7th St. NW; 301-317-7964.

Wild Blue Yonder: Elizabeth Streb, Sat., 8 p.m. Beware of tumbling dancers in these ultra-athletic works, \$20-\$40. George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax; 703-218-6500.

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You Never Can Tell: A social pioneer falls behind the times in George Bernard Shaw's satire, through April 3, 7:30 p.m. (Thu), 8 p.m. (Fri. & Sat.), 2:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$28-\$30. Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; 240-582-0050.

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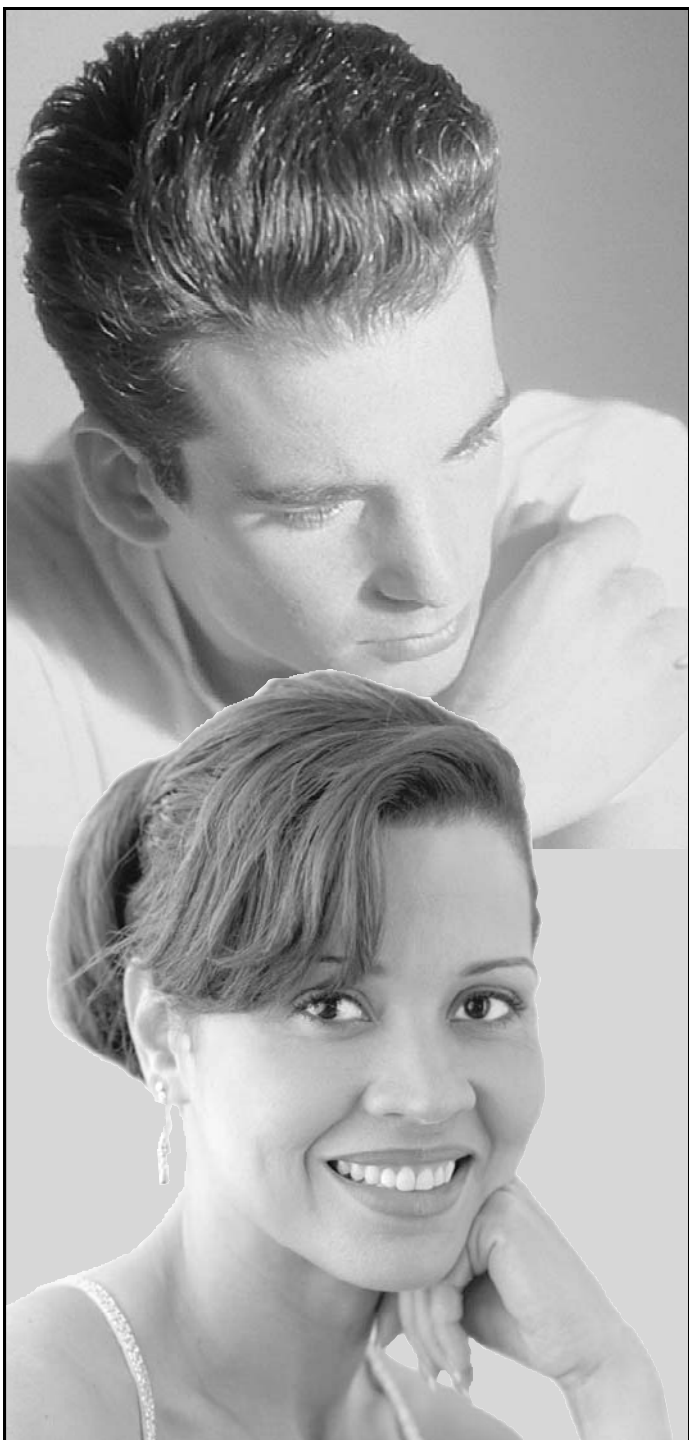
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THURSDAYS @ NATION

Two Huge Rooms (Club Side/Concert Side) on the Ground Floor + John Tab presents A.L.I.A.S. Drum'n'Bass Upstairs in the Rubik Room

March 10th

Neuroticfish *Gelb* CD promo

CLUB SIDE - Mohawk Adam, Dr Avi, Defekt, Shade

CONCERT SIDE - Nurse Allison, Hellraver, RasDNA

March 17th - TRONIK

A New Wave/Electro tribute to Sci-Fi Cheese

Futurescape Decor | Costume Contest

Live PA from God and His Bitches

DJs Simon, John Tab, Jen Lasher, Wil Austin, Necron + more

March 24th

CLUB SIDE - Steve Archer, Dr Avi, Shade, Zlaya

CONCERT SIDE - Hellraver, Coppertop, 2501

March 31st

Special pre-Alchemy CD-release party (8pm - 9pm) for

Nine Inch Nails' *With Teeth* hosted by Mohawk Adam

Regular Alchemy begins immediately following

CLUB SIDE - Solaries, Defekt, Shade

CONCERT SIDE - Jen Lasher, RasDNA, 2501

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Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN AND RHOME ANDERSON

THURSDAY

Rock bands and rock DJs seem to be mutually exclusive in this town. That changes slightly at **DC9**, as DJ Will Eastman and guests spin rock, electro and other grooves around sets by New York garage-rock act the Witnesses and openers Bloom.

It's time to start planning for beach season. Make it easy for yourself: head out to one of the weekly House Book Sign-Up Nights. From 7 to 10 p.m., Dewey's Starboard hosts a party at the **BOTTOM LINE** to help folks looking for spaces find the folks who have vacancies.

Smash Mouth totally fell off our collective radar after "Walkin' on the Sun" finally wormed its way out of ears, but the ska-poppers always did make a great party band. Tonight, it's at **DREAM** for an 18-and-over show.

FRIDAY

The First Ladies DJ Collective, which champions the city's female turntablists, gets synergetic as they host Rev It Up, a benefit for the Visions in Feminism confer-



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This is a Virginia Tech crowd, but the March Madness spirit is universal.

ence, coming to Washington this May. Junebullet, the Pinstriped Rebel, Pinky and K La Rock spin "electro, hip-hop, punk-funk-indie-disco, and D.I.Y. party jams" on the **BLACK CAT**'s backstage.

Things to Do DC sponsors an evening at the **MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE**, which is preparing tours of its art collection, live mariachi



EARWORM KINGS: Smash Mouth's "All Star" is going through your head, isn't it?

music, dancing, a Mexican buffet, beer and cocktails, and a chance to speak to diplomats.

After the show, it's the after-party. And these days, more often than not, the after-party is at **DC9**. Tonight, it's the official gathering spot following Louis XIV's performance with Hot Hot Heat and Washington Social Club.

SATURDAY

Whether you're a Tarheel, Hokie or a Fighting Illini, you're sure to find fellow basketball fans at **CRYSTAL CITY SPORTS PUB**. Every year, the Capital Alumni Network gathers dozens of alumni groups for the day (and night)-long orgy of college basketball called March Madness.

There are competing "Pre-St. Patrick's Day Shamrock Jams" at **MC FADDEN'S** and **LULU'S**. Each promises "D.C.'s best DJs," "authentic Irish beer" and caricaturists. Flip a coin between thingstododc.com and prosinthecity.com.

One of the great licensing absurdities in Washington is that if you brew beer in the city, you sell it only on your own premises. That's why we're excited about the Brewer's Ball at the **GALLERIA AT LAFAYETTE PLACE**, which is raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by offering samples from at least 10 local breweries and pubs. Tickets are \$75; call 301-657-8444.

SUNDAY

You may have heard about the film "Burn to Shine," which features local bands — Q and Not U, Bob Mould, Weird War — playing in a soon-to-be-demolished house in Silver Spring. Tonight at the **WAREHOUSE**

THEATER, it's the premiere of "Burn to Shine Chicago," which includes appearances by Wilco, Tortoise, Shellac and other Windy City acts. Prior to "BTSC," a live band of local musicians will improvise a score to short films by director Brent Green.

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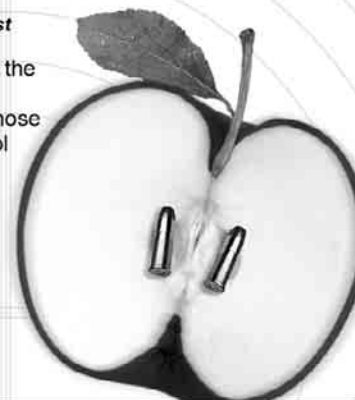
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